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By JAY BUSHINSKY

Foreign Minister David Levy is angling for a meeting in Brussels tbis week with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, hut only if Arafat acts effectively against alleged terrorist infiltration of his police force. Making no bones about his

interest in conferring with the Palestinian leader while attending a European Union foreign ministers conclave, Levy said a rendezvous in the Belgian capital could "set things right" and

advance the peace process. PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath stood at Levy's side in Australia Jerusalem when he declared that the peace process cannot make progress "in an atmosphere of violence, incitement, burning of Israeli flags, and terrorist activity by the Palestinian Police." familyfr

Levy said that his primary objective in going to Brussels is to attend the EU council of ministers meeting, but he would not object to a meeting with Arafat.

"If Arafat happens to be there or not is not for me to determine," he said. "If he is there and wants to bold a meeting, why not? I do not anticipate, am not asking, and do not invite.



Residents of Beit Jann gather outside the Supreme Court in Jerusalem yesterday to protest a court ruling to close a road they huilt to the nearby village of Hurfeis. (Flash 90: Courtesy of 'Ma'any')

25 hurt in Supreme Court protest

#### By BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

Twenty policemen and five residents of the Druse village of Beit Reserve, in the middle of the night, Jann in Galilee were injured yessome two years ago. The authority charged that the road was built terday when the villagers rioted outside the Supreme Court in without a permit and was causing Jerusalem to protest a court ruling damage to the reserve. The issue to close an illegally built road. has been in and out of the courtrooms since then.

The Beit Jann residents were ncensed by an interim injunction

Authority against the Beit Jann local council, which built the road through the Mount Meron Nature medics on the spot, and 10 police- a monument to my son along that men required hospitalization. Beit Jann residents will block the closure of the road with their bodies, said council head Yussef Kablan.

"Only when our blood is spilt does the State of Israel recognize us," said another irate resident of the village, which has lost a number of sons serving in the IDF. "The Druse are discriminated

road. Do they want me to ride there with a donkey?"

# **PA Police** terrorism Palestinians find bomb

**PM slams** 

# factory in Bethlehem

### By JAY BUSHINSKY and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The alleged penetration of the Palestinian Authority's police force by terrorist elements capable of operating as an underground network throughout the autonomous areas drew harsh words from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at yester-day's cabinet session and in talks with Japan's defense minister.

Netanyahu referred to the arrest last week of three Palestinian police officers by Israeli troops and the subsequent charge that they had been sent on a hit-andrun killing spree at the Har Bracha settlement southeast of Nablus. The case's gravity and the cabinet's concern were deepened by

charges that commander of the West Bank and Gaza police force. Brig.-Gen. Ghazi Jabali, masterminded the operation. Israel is demanding his arrest.

Netanyahu told ministers the Palestinian Police's involvement in terrorism is "a most blatant violation" of the agreements with the PA.

"The Palestinian Police was brought into the area to fight ter-rorism, not to engage in it." he said, contending that it was the PA's duty to uproot this outgrowth. Netanyahu demanded that the PA "fulfill its obligations ... in

the domain of security and in other aspects so that it will be possible to continue the political process."

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The Levy-Shaath talks were initiated hy EU peace envoy Miguel Moratinos of Spain. 

Shaath was ambiguous about the possibility of a follow-up session between Levy and Arafat in Brussels. "President Arafat bas not yet taken a decision to go," Shaath said, "but certainly if be goes, he will meet with Mr. Levy in Brussels." Shaath also plans to attend the EU gathering. Moratinos described the discus-

sion between Levy and Shaath as having been held in "a very friendly atmosphere" and said another step had been taken to get the peace process back on track.

"The meeting between Minister Levy and President Arafat still is possible," he said. "It depends on President Arafat's agenda. I think that if President Arafat will be in Brussels there will be a meeting."

issued by the High Court of that the road should be closed in Justice in Jerusalem to close a road they had built connecting their village with the neighboring Druse village of Hurfeish.

Hundreds of villagers had arrived at the court to hear the petition lodged by the Nature Reserves

two weeks, the villagers rushed angrily outside and began stoning police and border police who had been brought in to quell possible disturbances.

Yesterday, when the court

Five of the rioters and 20 policemen were treated by MDA para-

against all the time. The [authorities] are prepared to throw all these people to the wind just to preserve some field mice and snakes in their natural habitat," said the father of one of the soldiers killed in the IAF helicopter collision in February. "I have built

### Hospital workers to strike today

#### By JUDY SIEGEL hiochemists, and maintenance and administrative workers.

Eleven state hospitals will pital managements closed down operate on an emergency sched-ule today, as 20,000 workers staff cafeterias yesterday and plan hold a one-day warning strike to to halt the use of security compaprotest government violations of nies and cancel payments such as car allowances and holiday gifts to their contracts. The strikers include nurses, pharmacists, X-ray technicians, microhiologists, staffers and pensioners.

gency operations are cancelled for the day, and diagnostic insti-

As a result of Treasury cuts, hostutes will be closed. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza called on staffers not to strike so as not to harm patients. The measures taken hy hospital managements to reduce expenditures "do not justify a strike," he said. Due to the strike all non-emer-

# Mesmerizing medics: Hadassah's hypnotic Rx

#### By JUDY STEGEL

Hypnosis is being need at a Jerusalem hospital for gynecolo-gists to help women deliver babies or to insert an intrauterine device without anxiety, and for gastroenterologists to relieve irritable bowel syndrome or examine the upper digestive system without a tranquilizer.

Management of the Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem has approved in principle the establishment of a hypnosis center to use the subconscious for treating organic conditions, casing childbirth, relieving chronic pain, and conducting painful diagnostic tests without anesthesia. It will be the first of its kind in the country. Dr. Uriel Elchalal of the gynecology/obstetrics department and Dr. Joseph Zimmerman of gastroenterology both bave completed special hypnosis courses and received a Health Ministry certificate enabling them to use the tech-nique on selected patients. They believe that hypnosis, which is becoming increasingly popular for treating non-psychiatric illnesses in the US and Europe, will eventually be widely used here for a variety of systemic conditions and



procedures. In the gynecology department, Elchalal is reportedly the first in any hospital to use hypnosis to treat vaginismus (involuntary contractions of the vagina that prevent intercourse), carry out a biopsy of the cervix, insert an IUD, and even to ease giving birth. It also is used when general anesthesia is considered too dangerous and for minor

surgical procedures. "It isn't difficult to persuade patients to undergo hypnosis in these circumstances," said Elchalal, who has been using the technique for four months and treated dozens of panents. "They know they won't be taken advantage of. When hypnotized, they aren't in a state of amnesia, but awake, and we use it only to treat, never for observation by other doctors. It's a tool; it can't be used on every patient or in every condition.

Elchalal conducts preliminary exercises on candidates to see whether they have enough sug-gestibility. If so, the gynecologist has three to 10 sessions with the patient to analyze the structure of her personality. The patient can enter a state of antohypnosis after being trained by the expert and use it on an ongoing basis.

He notes that he never uses hypnosis on patients who suffer from paranoia, schizophrenia, or other mental disorders, as this could be dangerous.

Medical hypnosis can be espe-

cially useful for children who are anxious or need to undergo painful procedures or scans that require complete immobility, added Zimmerman, since the "most suggestible age" is between eight and 12 years.

The Hadassah gastroenterologist finds the technique very useful for patients with irritable bowel syndrome, as the digestive tract has more neurons than the spine, but there are few medications that alleviate it. It also reduces anxiety in patients with Crohn's disease

and colitis." Nine out of 10 people, Zimmerman said, can enter a hypnotic trance of some degree.

"The level of suggestibility does not determine how successful the treatment will be; some don't go in very deep, but they benefit nev-ertheless," be said.

Hypnosis, he added, also is used on cancer patients in Hadassah's Sbarrett Institute for Oncology. It can be offered in groups or customized for each individual patient



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in brief

#### Father, daughter drown off Ashdod beach

A Modi'in resident and his nine-year-old daughter drowned off an Ashdod beach last night, shortly after the lifeguards left for the day. Another daughter, 7, was rescued by other bathers and taken to Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital. "Dad went into the water. Then my sister went in and began to scream. He tried to save her and he too disappeared between the waves. I began to cry and went towards them and I drowned too," the seven-year-old said. Itim

#### Car crashes into train in Lod, killing one

A Lod resident was killed and two people were seriously injured yesterday when a car crashed into a train in Lod. The car had been moving alongside the train tracks, and the driver suddenly attempted to cross them, crashing into the train. The injured were taken to Assaf Harofeh Hospital. Police are investigating the incident. Itim

#### Shahak probes fatal accidents involving soldiers

Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak conducted an investigation yesterday into road accideots last week that claimed the lives of six soldiers. The initial findings, which Shahak ordered distributed to all IDF units, indicate an excessive load on drivers, skirting orders, and lack of discipline.

The chief of staff also decided to delay a ceremony for outstanding units due to take place today because some of the units had soldiers involved in last week's accidents. Itim

#### Greenpeace protests against PVC near Acre

Greenpeace activists staged a demonstration near the giant Electrochemical Industries plant south of Acre yesterday to protest against the manufacture of what they described as "dangerous and toxic" PVC used in the plastics trade. The environmentalists, from the Greenpeace ship Sirius which is currently in Haifa port, joined local activists of the international organization in the demonstration. Electrochemical Industries managingdirector Zvika Greeogold rejected the Greenpeace allegations. He said PVC, a derivative of chlorine, "doesn't endanger anybody or anything." David Rudge

#### Hebron church: PA has apologized

Representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, whose monastery in Hebron was seized by Palestinian Authority Police two weeks ago, said that the PA has apologized for its action and said the monastery should be returned to the expatriate courch. In a press release last week, the church said that it had apologized for its members, who had barred the Patriarch of Moscow when he arrived at the monastery with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat last month. The statement also said that PA Minister of Planning and International Cooperatioo Nabil Shaath had admitted that the PA had acted improperly by seizing the mooastery and turning it over to clergy of the Moscow-based Russian Patriarchate.

Today, church representatives are to meet with PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein. Hoim Shapiro

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# Palestinian land dealer tells how he escaped PA jail

#### By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

In an unprecedented move, a Palestinian land dealer who escaped from a Palestinian prison last week agreed to talk to the press in Jerusalem yesterday. The press conference at Beit Agron was set up by the civil rights organization, B'Tzedek, and the Couocil of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Wearing a blue cap and sun-glasses to protect his identity, 54-year-old Mohammed (not his real name) talked about his six-week ordeal that included electric-shock treatment, being bung from the ceiling by his hands, and other methods of torture used by Palestinian interrogators. "On May 18, Palestinian police

arrived at my home and asked me to go with them for an hour to talk, adding that they would bring me back home," he said. According to Mohammed, he

was taken from his West Bank village to Nablus, where he was held in a 3-by-4-meter cell along with 11 others. For two weeks, he said, he was tied by his hands to the ceiling, whipped, and had a sack thrown over his head and electric probes attached to his body. He was later seot to work on a labor detail, which gave him the opportunity to plan his escape.

During the oext four weeks, Mohammed built a stairwell in a building, not cementing one of the large slabs. Last Tuesday, Mohammed hid under the slab from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. the next day, when he escaped from the prison. "Guards are only placed at the prison's entrance," he said.

Mohammed ran to his home vil-lage, which he reached 14 hours

later, and contacted relatives who ing the settlers' council yesterday Teplow said Mohammed's wife live in Israel, They mel him and smuggled him into Israel, ootify-

'Mohammed,' a Palestinian land dealer who escaped from a PA prison last week, gestures at a news

morning. and family are still in the village, B'Tzedek attorney Michael and efforts are being made to get and family are still in the village,

Levine: IDF acting with restraint in Lebanon, but tensions could escalate

conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

#### By DAVID RUDGE

Fighting in south Lebanon was on the verge of deterioratiog into cross-border attacks last week, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine revealed last night.

He said calm had since been restored, but tension remained high and there is no guarantee

that the situation might not flare-up in the future. Levine said that the IDF, for its part, was doing everything possible to prevent Katyusha rocket attacks on Galilee, including acting with

Some rockets and mortar rounds fell inside Israell territory in Western Galilee and the Galilee panhandle, without causing any casualties or damage.

"The situation is tense, first and foremost because Hizbullah is not succeeding in achiev-ing its aims and is suffering losses," Levine told the council leaders.

He said that although the situation had calmed somewhat, a situation could arise which might deteriorate into Katyusha rocket attacks. "I think, however, that the combination of

He stressed that the IDF would oot initiate any offensive action which would cause an escalation and put resideots of northern communities in bomb shelters.

(Isaac Harari)

"But the other side (Hizbullah), either due to loss of control or because of casualties to Lebanese civilians, could drag us into Katyusha rocket fire," said Levine.

"In such a situation, our attitude would be to respond with such force so that it would cease immediately. Whether this would work 100 percent, I cannot say, because there is the other them out.

"He hasn't seen his family but managed to notify them that he is out of prison," said Teplow. Shortly after his escape from the prison, said Aharon Domb, secretary-general of the settlers' coun-Palestinian Preventive cil, Security chief Jibril Rajonb's men arrived at Mohammed's home

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Teplow and Domb both mentioned that during Mohammed's incarceration. he met with International Red Cross officials and asked for their assistance. "They turned him down, saying they were unable to help," said Domb.

Persuading Mohammed to appear publicly was not an easy task but says Teplow he had no other alternative, adding that another Palestinian land dealer who escaped from a PA prison a month ago refused to take part in the press conference.

According to Teplow, there are numerous land deals taking place throughout Judea and Samaria. People feel they prefer to make money now rather than wait until later when their land will be under Palestinian control," he said. At the prison where Mohammed was incarcerated, there were 40 other members from his village suspected of selling land to settlers, he said.

Both B'Tzedek and the settlers' council are assisting Mohammed and protecting him until a permanent solution to ensure his safety is found. They are demanding that the government issue permits to Palestinian land dealers to enable them to reside in Israel. In addition, they want a shelter or village to be set up for land dealers and their families

#### Three arrested for hanging anti-Mordechai banners

Lod police arrested three Jerusalem residents yesterday morning suspected of hanging banners critical of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. They were arrested at the Lod Interchange, where a four-meter-long banner. was hung, declaring, "Yitzhak Mordechai is a failure, [National Infrastructure Minister] Arik Sharon for defense. [Signed] LUZEUS IOF Defens ners were found in their car.



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Smadar and Yosi Barber-Zadik

great restraint during the tension last week. He could oot rule out the possibility, however, that Hizbullah might initiate bombardments at some stage.

Levine spoke during a meeting with the heads of confrontation-line communities at northerm command headquarters following mortar and rocket attacks by Hizbullah last week on IDF positions along the northern border.

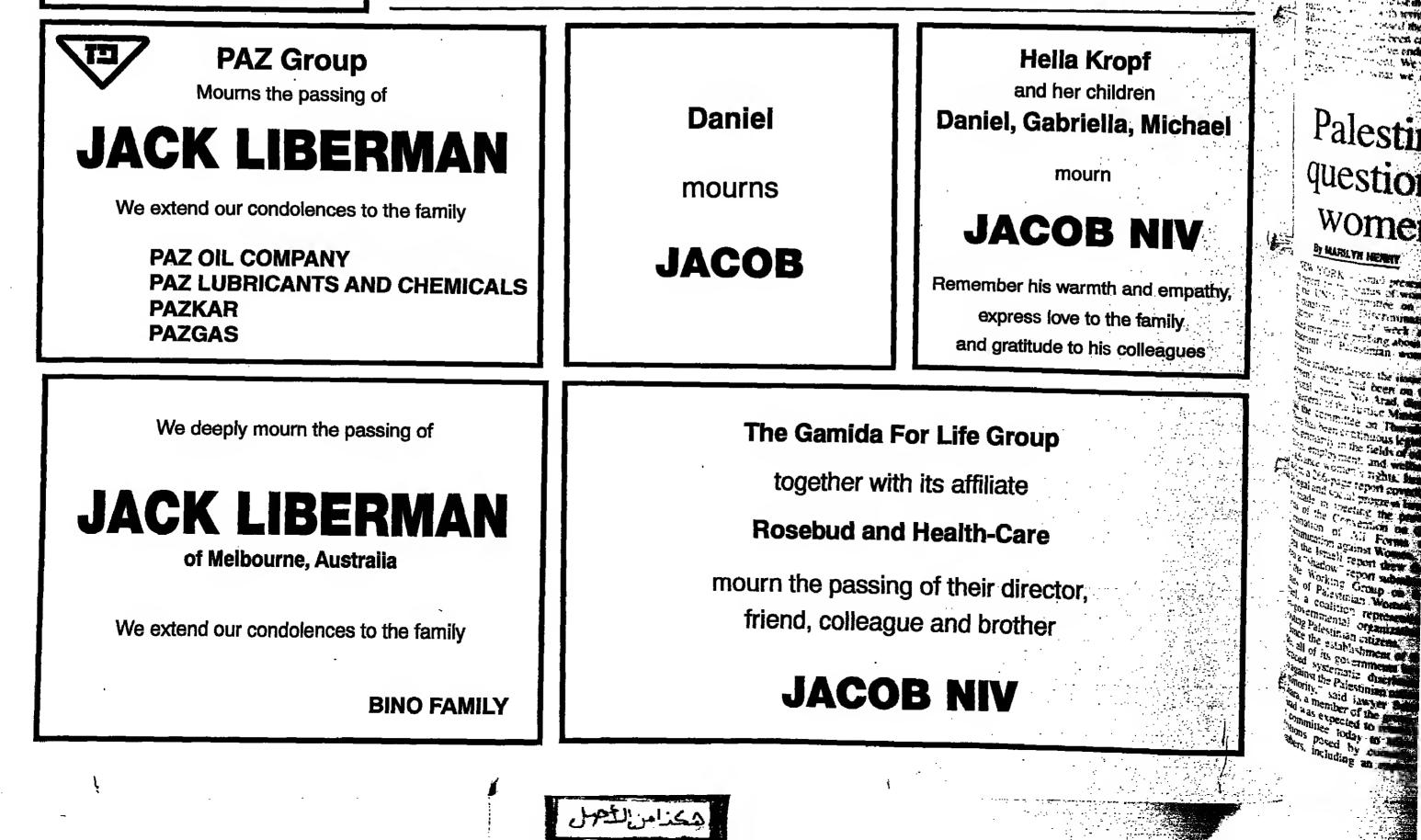
several factors - that the IDF is doing everything in its power so that there woo't be a deterioration, that there are meetings of the (Grapes of Wrath) monitoring group which has proved itself, as well as the understanding by Hizbullah that Katyusha rocket attacks would lead to severe blows to the organization and the Lebanese administratioo - are likely to prevent such an event," said Levine.

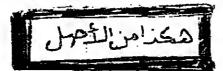
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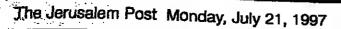
The council leaders said they had complete faith that the IDF will do everything possible to prevent rocket attacks on the Galilee. Bot Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Buhbut, chairman of the Forum of Heads of Confrontation Line Communities, said the councils had still oot received additional aid promised them after Operation Grapes of Wrath.

### Correction

The capital of Kazakhistan is Almati, also known as Alma-ata, and oot as reported in yesterday's paper.







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### Beit Shemesh angry over Naharayim verdict

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Section 10

#### By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Calling it "a shame and a disgrace," AMIT Fuerst school principal Moshe Yablovitz blasted a Jordanian military court's sentencing of Cpl. Ahmed Daqamsa to life imprisonment for the slaying of seven of Yablovitz's pupils at Naharayim oo March 13.

"This is especially the case because in Jordan they have the death penalty, which is the only fitting punishment for murdering moocent young girls," he said yesterday. "This is especially true io light of the fact that the king himself, at the time, asked why his comrades didn't open fire on [Dagamsa] and kill him. They've made a mockery of the trial.'

Yablovitz said he believed that if the political atmosphere in Jordan changes, Daqamsa could be released.

"He will get out," he said. Since a life sentence is equal to 25 years of hard labor in Jordan, figure out how many years he received for each girl be killed," the principal added.

"We thought he'd get the death sentence, and then they'd appeal, and the king would then commute his senteoce to life, imprison-ment," he said. "But to give him life imprisonment from the outset - that's not serious. We're very, very disappointed."

Motti Farber, principal of the Beit Sbemesh school's junior-high program, said. "We know there will be pressure, and who knows if in 10 or 20 years this guy won't go free. 1 can understand the feeling of the pareots, there's a feeling that something has been left open, and not closed.

"I think that it's more for the feelings of the parents, not for any desire for revenge, that the death peoalty would have been justified for his actions. This feeling that maybe one day this guy will be walking free has left a bitter taste.

Shimon Cohen, whose daughter Nirit was killed in the attack, said all the parcots "are angry over the fact that he didn't get the death penalty. Based on the king's visit, we were sure that he would executed. The penalty for murder [in Jordan] is death, and he should have received seven death sentences, but he didn't even get one.'



#### Save the Children

Aliza Olmert (left), wife of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, joins protesters yesterday at a demonstration against plans to cut funding for programs for troubled children. The signs read: 'Don't close the clubhouses' and 'Apathy permeates the government,' and accuses the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry of neglect. (Isaac Hararia

# Eskin gets four months for curse on Rabin

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court senienced right-wing extremist Avigdor Eskin vesterday to four months in prison for putting a curse on prime minister Yitzhak Rabin a month before he was assassinated.

Eskin was also given a year's suspended sentence for violating a section of the Prevention of Terrorism Act which bars incitement to violence.

He was convicted on two couots: declaring that the ancient curse of pulsa dinura (Aramaic for lashes of fire") applied 10 Rabin; and organizing a pulsa dinura cer-emony against Shimon Peres after he succeeded Rabin as prime minister.

Eskin stood outside Rabin's house on the eve of Yom Kippur in 1995 and put a curse on the prime minister that read in part: "And on him, Yitzhak, son of Rosa, known as Rabin, we have permission ... to demand from the angels of destruction that they take a sword to this

worked within 30 days. wicked man ... to kill him ... for hand-Thirty-two days later, on ing over the Land of Israel to our November 4, Yigal Amir murenemies." dered Rabin.

After the spate of terrorist allacks during Peres's premier-ship in 1996, Eskin organized a pulsa dinura ceremony against

Judge Belha Kahane said in her ruling: "Eskin's words, at the time they were said and in the way they were said, were words of praise and admiration for a violent act that could lead to the death or injury of a person, or to threats of such acts, especially after the murder of a prime minister from which we learned the power of

Eskin anoounced he would appeal the sentence if he is not allowed to serve it in Yigal Amir's cell in Beersheba. Amir is being held in solitary confinement.

Eskin's attorney, Naftali Wertzberger, called the sentence "unusually harsh" and said "Eskin was sent to jail because the atmos-phere of incitement entered the courtroom.

Wertzberger said he intended 10 appeal both the verdict and the sentence.

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**Dead Sea** Scrolls conference opens

#### By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

The largest scholarly conclave on the Dead Sea Scrolls ever held opened last night at the Israel Museum.

Some 120 lectures are to be delivered to 350 participants from 25 countries during the week-long congress. The event is being held to mark the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the scrolls by a Beduin near Qumran.

At a press conference yesterday, Israel Museum director James Snyder termed the scrolls "the most significant patrimony of the state of Israel and one of the most significant in the history of mankind."

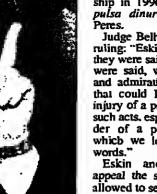
Emanuel Toy, editor-in-chief of the Dead Sea Scrolls publication project, noted that only eight volumes of scroll material had been published in the first 40 years since their discovery. Since his appointment in 1991, 12 more have been published, four in the past year. The remainder of the 38ct probably y



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> Nissim Reuben, Member of the Indian delegation.





Avigdor Eskin gets fourmonth sentence. (Brian Hendler) He said the curse geoerally

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published by 2001 or 2002, he had been "sure he'd only get life imprisonment," noting that the Israeli government has oever said. In terms of wordage, more than 90 percent of scroll material already has been published. implemented a death sectence The congress is likely to elicit against terrorists it has captured.

lively, even bitter, debate among Making clear that the other parscholars whose reputations are ents do not necessarily agree with his point of view, Cohen said: "[Jordan's Kiog] Hussein did staked to one or another interpretation of scroll material. Longexactly what we do with terrorists. held assumptions that the scrolls If this soldier bad crossed the borwere produced by the Essene sect der, shot the girls, and been caught at Qumran are challenged by some on our soil, he would've ended up scholars who believe that all or with life imprisonment. We can't most were written elsewhere and some who challenge the very exisask others to do what we don't tence of a sect at Quimran.

# Palestinian group questions status of women in Israel

#### By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Israel presented its report on the status of women to the UN's Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Agaiost Women last week and faced immediate probing about its treatment of Palestinian women citizens.

Since independence, the issue of women's status had been on the national agenda, Nili Arad, director-general of the Justice Ministry, told the committee on Thursday. There has been continuous legislation, primarily in the fields of education, employment, and welfare, to advance women's rights, Israel said in a 266-page report covering the legal and social progress Israel has made in meeting the provisions of the Conveoion on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. But the Israeli report drew fire from a "shadow" report submitted

by the Working Group on the Status of Palestinian Women in Israel, a coalition representing oon-governmental organizations assisting Palestinian citizens. "Since the establishment of the state, all of its governments have

questions posed by committee

members, including an explana-

Palesunian women. practiced systematic discrimination against the Palestinian national minority," said lawyer Suhad Bishara, a member of the group. Arad was expected to return to the committee today to answer

of Women Against Violence.

don of the assertion that all ciozens enjoyed equal opportunities even though Israel is a Jewish state. Many questions are based on issues covered in the Palestinian report, eootled "The Status of Palestioian Women Citizens of Israel."

Amoog the issues raised by committee members: that there is disparate funding for Jewisb and Arab education; what steps are being taken to integrate Israeli Palestinian women fully into society; and what action is being taken to deal with such traditional Moslem practices as hooor killiogs, polygamy, and female : circumcision?

The panel is reviewing how nations are implementiog the : Convention on the Elimination of f All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Eight other states are to present reports to the panel of 23 experts, which includes an Israeli, Carmel Sbalev.

Israel's turn came the same week that it was condemned by the General Assembly, for the third ome, for construction at Har Homa. Committee members suggested that resuming the construction could affect the well-being of

The Palestinian group was formed a year ago because the inioal Israeli report, only 14 pages, had only two brief references to Palestinian women, said Aida Toma-Suliman of the Association

# Show Your Support Show Your Support Come To The March Of The Delegations

The traditional March of the Delegations\* for the 15th Maccabiah will take place on the final day of competitions, Tuesday, July 24th at 4:30PM. Delegations will march around the walls of Jerusalem. The march will commence from Safra square, Jaffa St., King George, Ben Yehoda, Bezalel, and Sacher Park. The public is invited to join in this salute to thousands of Jewish athletes from around the world. The Maccabiah Organization Committee.

\* Traditional the March will take place at the opening Ceremony.

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#### Queen Elizabeth avid Net surfer

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's Oueen Elizabeth loves to surf the Internet and has become an avid fan of the information superhighway, the Sunday Times reported.

Coached by her husband the Duke of Edinburgh, she bas become a devotee of cyberspace and likes to address her subjects by e-mail.

A website set up in February to give information on Britaio's 1,000-year-old monarchy has proved to be a phenomenal success with almost one million people a week logging in from around the world.

The paper said that Queen Elizabeth, who oversaw the site's design, scans its public message book with growing fascination. It said the monarch is now thought to use the net to exchange information on current affairs with highly placed confidantes around Britain and the Commonwealth states that were once Britain's former colonies.

#### China landslide kills 48

BEIJING (AP) – A landslide triggered by heavy rains has killed 48 people and injured another 40 in southwestern Sichuan province, an official report said Saturday.

The landslide struck Thursday, in Xingweo county, some 1,400 kilometers southwest of Beijing, the newspaper China Daily reported, citing a local radio broadcast.

The report did not provide further details. A landslide Tuesday in neighboring Guizhou province killed

31 people. The deaths from the landslides increased the number killed in this summer's seasonal rains to 221.

Floods in the south and drought in the north have damaged some 12 million hectares of farmland. The government has acknowledged this year's grain harvest will fall short of 1996's 490 million metric tons.

In addition to Sichuan and Guizhou, deaths have beeo reported in Guangdong, Jiangxi and Zhejiang provinces and the region of Guangxi.

#### Wrecking ball kills Montana driver

SHEPHERD, Montana (AP) - A 1,360-kilo wrecking ball rolled off a flatbed truck, hounced down the highway and smashed into a car, killing the driver last week. Police were investigating how the ball got loose. No charges were filed against the truck driver.

# **IRA truce takes hold**

#### By ANDREW HILL

lasting peace by Irish national-

ists and denounced as a phoney

tactical ploy by pro-Britisb

David Trimble, head of the

Ulster Unionist Party (UUP),

planned talks with British Prime

Minister Tony Blair today to deter-

mine whether his group will con-

tinue to take part in peace talks if

Sinn Fein joins in six weeks' time.

Trimble made co public com-

ment, But UUP spokesmen and

leaders of the smaller Democratic

Unionist Party (DUP) said the

Irish Republican Army cease-fire

was purely cosmetic because the

IRA would not have to hand over

The IRA issued no fresh statement after its announcement on

Saturday of a "complete cessa-

tioo" to its war against British rule of Northern Ireland, which will

admit Sinn Fein to the Belfast talks in September if Britain

Gerry Adams, head of the IRA's

political wing, Sinn Fein, poured

scorn on media reports that IRA

commanders would review the

truce after four months to see what

"I think it is disgraceful journal-

He hailed the IRA cease-fire as

"the start of a new and challeoging

era" and urged Unionists "to

declare a cessation (cease-fire) in

But DUP deputy leader Peter

Robinson said the reports in

deems the truce genuine.

a single weapon.

a united Ireland.

this." he said.

their heads.

Unionists.

London's Sunday Times under-BELFAST (Reuters) - An IRA lined that a political party with truce after 28 years of violence armed supporters would be joinin Northern Ireland took effect ing peace talks without a single gun being surrendered. yesterday, hailed as the key to

"What we bave according to our newspapers this morning is a cease-fire which will last for four months unless significant concessions are made to the Provos (IRA). That is not a cease-fire in any real sense," Robinson told Sky Television.

Dublin's Sunday Tribune and

The cease-fire was welcomed as a significant step to ending a con-flict that has killed 3,200 by the governments of Britain, Ireland and the United States.

But Unionists were sharply critical of Anglo-Irish proposals to relegate the surrender of IRA arms to a sub-committee of the talks rather than demand that the IRA hand over weapons before they start to prove a commitment to democracy. The Anglo-Irish proposals on "garallel decommissioning" were framed as a compromise after the IRA refused to hand over weapoos to earn admission to the talks and ended a t7-month cease-fire in February last year.

"Unless we get disarmament, unless we get people committed to consent, we cannot expect that this is going to be other than the farce it was two years ago," Ken Maginnis of the UUP said.

progress had been made at the "We will be going (to see Blair) with an open mind. We will be Belfast talks towards their goal of fearful of the outcome nonetheism, I think it is totally irresponsi-hle. It is the first I've heard of less," he said.

"I don't have the right to pollute democracy in this way," said Maginnis, describing Sinn Feio president Gerry Adams as "the leader of Europe's higgest terrorist organization." Adams says Sinn Fein and the IRA are separate organizations with the shared goal of ending British rule.



Sean Jefcoat, 6, looks though a soldier's rifle sights in west Belfast yesterday after the renewed IRA cease-fire began.

Robinson said he would block the decommissioning proposal when it is voted on next Wednesday. "We would not take part in a process with those who are wedded to violence," he said. There was little public euphoria. Church services were held across the province and in the neighboring Irish republic but

jubilation was tempered by the realization that the political negotiations may become the next battlefield.

A 17-year-old Catholic was shot in the legs in an IRA-style "punishment shooting" on Saturday, hours before the IRA truce.

The shooting was typical of the kind of violence IRA squads

patrolling Catholic zones hand out to wayward youths and are supposed to stop under British demands for an end to violence. John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, a moderate Irish nationalist group. urged all Unionists to accept that violence had ended with the IRA truce.

# Italian premier, in Riyadh, slams Saudi death penalty

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) – Italy's head of state, meeting with Saudi Arabia's king and justice minis-tioo of a convicted killer. ter, yesterday criticized the kingdom's use of the death penalty as well as difficulties in the country in practicing any religion other than Islam.

King Fahd "listened a lot, but he contended that [capital punishment] was an effective deterrent," Italian President Oscar Scalfaro told reporters, according to the Italian news agency AGI.

Saudi Arabia's Islamic courts impose the death penalty for rape, murder, drug trafficking and armed

robbery. So far this year, 67 people have been beheaded. Beheadings are carried out in public with a razorsharp sword. In 1996, 71 people were executed.

The Italian president said he pointed out that Italy has abolished the death penalty because "He who gives life is God and no one has the right to snuff it out" and because there was no proof that capital punishment when it existed, had lowered the crime rate in his Country Scalfaro just two days earlier appealed to the gov-gregate at their embassies for religious services.

Wrappiog up a two-day visit to boost ties with his country's top Gulf trade partner, Scalfaro held a news conference after meeting with the king and other senior officials, including Justice Minister Abdullah Sheik.

Scalfaro said he mentioned that he is a big promoter, despite objections from conservatives in largely Catholic Italy, of the openiog in Rome of an Islamic cultural center and of a mosque which towers over a posh neighborhood in the Italian capital.

"I feel like a creditor," Scalfaro said, but be indicated that the Saudi officials he talked with weren't giving in to his plea for more opportunity for non-Moslems in Saudi Arabia to practice other religions. "It's true that there areo't any laws limiting the

exercise of religion, but the reality is that there isn't possibility" to do so, Scalfaro sai

# NYC police rescue Mexican workers from 'virtual slavery'

#### By BLAINE HARDEN

NEW YORK - Scores of deaf Mexicans who were being forced to work in conditions that Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani described as virtual slavery" were rescued by police on Saturday from two small, squalid apartmeets in the borough of Queens.

Four of the Mexicans walked into a police station in Queens at 5 a.m. and managed to communicate that they were being forced to work for little or no pay. Giuliani said some of deaf immigrants

Police later found that 52 deaf

adults - along with 10 children,

some of whom could speak

Spanish and English - were living

By DEBORAH SEWARD

PARIS (AP) ~ France paid trib-

ute yesterday to the memory of

13,152 Jews who were rounded up

in 1942 and sent to Nazi death

camps in one of the worst incidents

of French wartime collaboration.

At a ceremony marking the 55th anniversary of the Vel d'Hiv

roundup, Prime Minister Lionel

Jospin reminded his countrymen

that the French bore responsibility

"This roundup was decided,

planned and carried out hy the

French. Politicians, administra-

tors, police and gendarmes took part. Not one German soldier was

for the mass arrest.

to physical and sexual abuse.

baseball bats that say "I am deaf" and turning the money over to a man they called "the boss," who had brought them to New York from Mexico and held their identity documents.

'It appears that at least one man and possibly more were holdiog a number of people in bondage, in virtual slavery, bringing them over from Mexico and then requiring them to work and takiog their wages from them," Giuliani said. Police were holding Alfredo Paoletti, 37, for questioning, but immigrants through translators. said some of them apparently have lived in the US for several years.

"Half of them knew who I was. That should tell you they have been in the city for awhile," Giuliani said.

In both apartments where the immigrants were living the only furniture was mattresses, according to police spokesman Sgt. Denis Doohan.

"Basically they were living in squalor," he said. "They were able to communicate to us that they ere subject to some abuse. One woman had a black eye. They told us that [the man who brought them to the US] was making physical threats to them to give him all their money." The 10 children in the apartments were turned over to the city's child welfare agency. Police said they all appeared to be in good health. The 52 adults, including 22 men and 30 women, four of whom are pregnant, will be taken into temporary custody by New

War II. Ooly 2,500 survived.

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"This crime must leave its mark

on our collective conscience," said

Jospin in his somber address, which

At dawn on July 16, 1942,

French police began banging on

doors throughout Paris, dragging

men, womeo and children from

York City authorities. They remained at a police station in Corona late Saturday.

Giuliani said that because of barriers imposed by the immigrants' deafness and their fear of authorities, "it is going to take two or three days to sort out" whether they are in the country legally.

Corona is one of dozens of neighborhoods in Queens and Brooklyn that have been radically transformed by the flood of immigrants into New York City in the 1990s. That influx - more than 113,000 a year since 1990 - has to escape the

There are no public worshipping places for non-Moslems in Saudi Arabia. Non-Moslems usually con-

### Another mob murder reported in Italy

MUNICIPALITY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO

CASERTA, Italy (Reuters) - A man was shot dead in broad daylight as he strolled along the main boulevard of this south Italian city yesterday in the latest incident of moh violence that has swept the

About 500 troops have beeo area since the beginning of the year, deployed in and around Naples Italian news agency Ansa reported. Domeoico Zippo's murder brings the death toll in the crimeover the past week to help quell violence that has enupted as rival clans of the Camorra, the Naples ridden areas of Caserta and nearby Naples to 89 in the last six months. Mafia, have waged street battles.

in top-floor apartments in two separate duplex buildings in the Queens neighborhood of Corona. Each apartment would normally house about seven people. The Mexicans told authorities they had been working in the streets and subways selling tiny

or the Immigration and Naturalization Service said it was investigating when and how the Mexicans had come to New York.

as of Saturday evening had not

"The people are brought in by Alfredo. He gets documents for them. He has a connectioo for them at the airport in Mexico City, and he brings them in through Newark. That is the best information that we have," Giuliani said in an interview Saturday night.

The mayor, who spoke to the

needed to accomplish this hideous

Jospin was the latest French

leader to pay homage to the vic-

tims of the roundup at the

Velodrome d'Hiver, a cycling sta-

dium in western Paris where the

Jews were detained on July 16-17,

1942 before being deported to

Nazi death camps. Former president Francois Mitterrand dedicated a memorial

three years ago at the Vel d'Hiv

site, which was razed in 1959, and

made the anniversary a day of

In all, about 75,000 Jews were

deported from France to Nazi con-

centration camps during World

national commemoration.

crime," Jospio said.

France honors 13,152 Jewish

victims of Nazi roundup in 1942

depopulation that has hit cities. such as Detroit, Baltimore, and Washington.

The immigrants, by and large, have been a major shot in the arm for the economy and cultural vibrancy of the city. As compared to native-born New Yorkers. recent immigrants are less likely to use social services, more likely. to have jobs, and more likely to own business, according to city figures. (Washington Post)

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In October, Maurice Papon, the

former Vichy police chief in the

Bordeaux region, will go on trial

for his role in the arrest and depor-

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# Bosnian Serbs expel president from party

PALE, Bosnia - Bosnian Serb hardliners, waging a battle for power, have expelled President Biljana Plavsic from their ruling party and demanded she step down from office, a party official said yesterday.

"The executive committee at yesterday's session unanimously decided to expel Biljana Playsic from the SDS and we repeated our appeal to transfer her authorities to Vice-President Dragoljub Mirjanic," Vlado Verkes, secretary-

general of the party, told reporters. The ultra-nationalist Scrb Democratic Party (SDS), which rules Bosnia's Serb entity, is run by hardliners loyal to former president and indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic

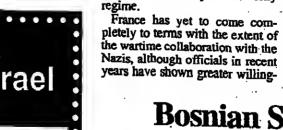
The vote to kick Playsic out of the party followed her outspoken attacks on Karadzic at railies and her comments in an interview. threatening to arrest Karadzic and his allies for rampant corruption.

their homes and taking them by that those on whom weighs a suspicion of responsibility for crimes that took place be judged," Jospin said. The families were imprisoned for three days without food or Jospin also pledged that his govwater, then deported by train eastemment would make sure a com-

ward to Auschwitz, where most of mission investigating what happened to Jewish property confis-cated during World War II brought The number of Jews arrested exceeded the expectations of the all the facts to light. Nazi occupiers, whom French officials hoped to appease and

In his speech, Jospin also promised to facilitate access to gain more autonomy for the Vichy French archives for historians

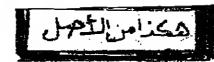
researching the Holocanst. Finally, Jospin said his government would support the construction of a memorial to Jewish martyrs of World War II as well as a Holocaust Museum



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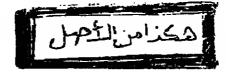
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Roni Milo Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo

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#### **ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT**

#### MOVIE REVIEW

# Howard Stern's vulgar truths

#### By ADINA HOFFMAN

ased on the autobiography Doradio personality, Howard Stern, Private Parts is one of the more entertaining bits of celebrity self-aggrandizement to surface in a long time. Actually, the movie which stars Stern as himself works by means of a clever blend of self-love and self-mockery ("I grow on you like a fungus," the hero announces proudly at one point, a maniacal smirk tugging at his lips), as it also further develops the tricky trompe-l'oeil technique that he has perfected on his WNBC radio show.

#### PRIVATE PARTS

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Directed by Betty Thomas. Screenplay by Len Blum and Michael Kalesniko. Based oo the book by Howard Stern. Hebrew title: Pratim Intimites shel Howard Stern. 110 min-ntes. English dialogue, Hebrew subj-tles. Children under 17 not admitted thout an adult.

With Howard Stern, Robin Quivers, Mary McCormack

· To hear Stern tell it, no subject sex; death, race relations, God, bis wife's miscarriage, flatulence - is off limits for on-air discussion. His improvised banter appears to be brutally bonest and totally intimate, and his massive public appeal is based on the fact that his honesty knows oo bounds. He just blurts the dirty truths that we all think but are too bashful or repressed to say out loud.

While such total frankness is a fine claim to fame, it is, of course, not true. Stern's straight-talking, wise-cracking radio persona is just that - a persona. And if there's one thing his inspired performance in Private Parts makes clear it's that be is, above all, a fantastic actor, a man who has cast himself in the part of the soul-baring vulgarian and thoroughly mastered the role - or roles, since his on-screen character must be a slightly largerthan-life variation on his already large personality. (With his lanky frame, dark flowing locks, girlish mouth and big pointy beak of a



Professional loud mouth: To disc jockey Howard Stern, controversial subjects such as death, sex and race relations are all fair game.

nose, Stern even looks like a caricature of himself.) To see the film as a documentary peek inside Stem's mind and life would be over-literal and a mistake; much of the fun here comes from wondering just where the "real" Howard Stern stops and the "makebelieve" Howard Stern begins.

Wherever one draws the line, though, both in life and Private Parts, directed by Betty Thomas from a script by Len Blum and Michael Kalesniko, Stem seems a complex blend of contradictory characters. At one and the same time, he's a compulsively immature t & a-obsessed geek, a savvy publicity hound, a loving husband and father, a great spontaneous talker, and a calculating heir to the Lenny Bruce tradition of emphatically blunt stand-up comedy (he

has obviously also absorbed the gleeful sound of George Carlin spewing long chains of obscenities).

Narrating his life story in his slightly pinched, Alan Alda-esque voice and a flashback form that calls to mind certain moments in Annie Hall, Stern offers up a goodnatured, hyperbolic view of his early childhood and adolescence. These rocky times, he says, were punctualed by the performance of X-rated puppet shows and lots of pot-smoking on the sly. His father, a radio programmer, never stopped telling him to shut up - an auspicious, if apocryphal start to Stern's celebrated career as professional loud mouth.

From the point when Stern assumes the role of his college-age self and meets his pretty bride-to-

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Virst and foremost of this sum-

be, Alison (Mary McCormack), the film follows a conventional (albeit ironic) bio-pic format. Using a combination of actors and media figures playing themselves (Stern's delightful radio partner, Robin Quivers, appears as "Robin Quivers"), the movie traces his development from hopelessly inept small-town DJ in the chipper news-weather-traffic-report mode, to budding free-thinker ("I've gotta get intimate," it dawns on him. "I've gotta go all the way ... "), to almighty King of the Media, a man whose nerve, bad taste, and popularity increase in direct, elepbantine proportion to one another, much to the chagrin of the stuffy network bosses who try every means possible to make

refuses, ratings soar, and soon he's starring in a movie about his own

Aside from Stem's own very funny bearing, the film's humor comes from its mock-epic outline. Movies that rely on this triumphal if-they-could-see-me-now format tend to focus on the lives of Great Men - historical figures, tortured artists, war heroes, inventors of major machines. Stern's earthshattering cootributions to humankind, meanwhile, include innovations like "Fart Man" and a live broadcast of a porn star swallowing a 13-inch kielbasa sausage. In the end Stern's is a real American success story (free

Stern behave and act as a broadcaster "should," Naturally, he

Masters for Galilee

life,

speech never bad such a vital advocate). But it's a success story in the inside-out sense, a tribute to a super-antihero.

# A 'Dybbuk' in Chicago

she said. The new composer-in-resi

dence of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Ran worked on Between

Two Worlds for about three years.

She and librettist Charles Kondek

added the innovation of making the world of disembodied spirits visible

to the audience as a supernatural

chorus. Pointing to some black-and-white striped costumes she explained. These are for the disem-

bodied spirits. We'll have two cho-

ruses, the living and the departed, and Leya and Khonnon will move

Ran has also written the conflict

between worlds into her music. "In

the music of the village there are

certain elements of klezmer." But 1

use a different language for the music of the synagogue and another

for the world of the dybbuk and the

Fascinated by the power of opera

to convey diverse narrative and

emotional lines simultaneously, she

includes a sextet where a flirtatious

girl sings to a yeshiva studeot about

an innocent kiss and the synagogue

caretaker invites an old woman to

kiss the Torah, while Khonnon and

Leya sing of a kiss in the erotic

words of the Song of Songs. "An

innocent kiss, a holy kiss, and a pas-

sionate kiss. Three subjects and six

singers, and they all revolve around

spirits."

to a sort of limbo in between."

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#### By F.N. D'ALESSIO

omposer Shulamit Ran says she considers music "the language of passion and desire." The text she chose for her first opera, Between Two Worlds, certain-

ly has plenty of both. Between Two Worlds is new to the opera stage, but some audience members at its world premiere at Chicago's DePaul Merle Reskin Theater likely recognized its plot outline as The Dybbuk, probably the most frequently performed drama of the Yiddish theater.

Set in the vanished world of Eastern European Hassidim, the tale tells of the love between Khonnon, a yeshiva student, and Leya, the daughter of a local merchant. The two were pledged to each other before birth, but Leya's father forgets that pledge when a wealthier prospective bridegroom becomes available. When learns of Leya's betrothal to another, he dies in an ecstatic fit.

He returns as a dybbuk - the disembodied spirit of one who died with an uncompleted life - and enters Leya's body on her wedding day, speaking through her in a male voice. A rabbi exorcises the dybbuk from Leya's body, but Khonnon reappears to her in spirit form. Their souls merge and they depart to dwell in the shadow world between life and death.

"There have been 12 Dybbuk operas that I know of, but none of Ran, 47, winner of the 1991 them have entered the general reper-Pulitzer Prize for composition, saw tory," she said, "George Gershwin [apparently] wanted to write a a Habimah production of The Dybbuk opera but dropped the idea Dybbuk when she was a girl in her native Israel. "It's part of my herwhen he found out that someone itage, and it remains with me to this else had the rights. He wrote Porgy day in all its blood-curdling power," and Bess instead."

**Dance from Chicago** 

#### By HELEN KAYE

nytime 1 hear Billie A Holiday sing, it's romance 1 think of, of finding love and losing it," says award-winning choreographer and former dancer Randy Duncan. Just the same, there's a "but" in his voice, and it's because "she wasn't just singing the blues, she was the blues. You hear the pain of her life."

Duncan has made Gardenias for Billie set to six of her songs, and he's teaching it to the Bat Dor dancers for a world premiere at the Noga Theater in Jaffa tomorrow. She's drunk with love," he tells



Moved by Billie Holiday: **Choreographer Randy Duncan** 

one of the dancers for "Fine and Mellow," one of the songs in the 20-mioute work. "All your energy





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# You too can see U2

Tickets for U2's longawaited Israeli debut go on sale tomorrow night in a 64-hour nonstop marathon.

The tickets for the concert. slated for September 30 in Ramat Gan Stadium, will be sold in Jerusalem at Klaim and Bimot agencies, in Tel Aviv at Kastel, and in Haifa at Gerber. The stores will opeo their doors at 10 p.m. and continue selliog tickets nonstop until Friday afternoon, or ootil they sell out. According to promoter Zeev

varied prices for each section. Meanwhile abroad, tickets for the band's August 30 show at Dublin's Lansdowne Road sold out io just 40 minutes.

U2's first appearance in Johannesburg also opened to spectacular first-day sales, selling over 40,000 tickets.

According to Daily Variety. "With an average nightly gross of \$2.4 million, U2's PopMart tour [has taken] in more than \$49 million since its April kickoff. The tally [has] earned it the distinction of being the top [North American] tour for the first half of 1997."

Isaacs, the stadiom will be David Brinn divided into five sections with

# Jazz in Eilat: The second decade

#### By HELEN KAYE

The big band is back in jazz, at least it is at the 11th Red Sea Jazz Festival at Eilat Port from August 25 to 28. From the US it's the 10-member Tower of Power, Juan Formell and Los Van Van from Cuba with 15 musicians, and 15 more from France - the National Jazz Orchestra. They're all playing everything from jazz standards to the latest sounds around, and mixing it to boot. Tickets are now on sale.

Other visitors include the James Moody and Jerry Bergonzi Quartets, blind singer Diane Schuur, the lady they call the Jazz Princess from the East, Azerbaijani Aziza Mustafah Zadeh, the Contemporary Bebop Quintet from Sweden, and the UK's jazz Oscar winner, Django Bates and the Human Chain.

Unsurprisingly, with our own multi-ethnic, multicultural weave, our own jazzpersons also do a lot of

crossover stuff like Yossi Fein and his X-Ccentrix that mixes jazz with African tribal music, or the Albert Beger Quartet that likes to improvise on classical, Jewish and contemporary music themes, or Steve Homstein and Tarshish who like to wander from East to West and back again, or tapdancer Skip Cunningham appearing with local hoofers Avi Miller and Ofer Ben to a jazz trio creating the '20s sounds and ambience of The Hoofers Club. A shortfall in the fesoval's NIS 3

million plus budget threatened some of the acts, "but we've made spending cuts where we can and added new corporate sponsors," said festival production manager Iris Dagan. Some NIS 400,000 has come from Pringle Chips, Cellcom and Barak 013 and the festival will go ahead as planned.

Naturally, there are still the usual after-concert jam-sessions round the pool at the Riviera Hotel, and who says you can't listen to jazz in the water?

mer's classical music festivals is the Kfar Blum Chamber Music Festival or, as it is officially known, The Kol Yisrael Upper Galilee Music Days. Inaugurated by Idith Zvi more than a decade ago, this festival used to be the hottest ticket around, with tickets disappearing within a few hours of being made available to the general public. Whilst tickets for the festival no longer sell out immediately, they are nevertheless still in huge demand. And this year's festival looks like being one of the best ever.

In Zvi's last days the festival's program and performers lost some of their sparkle and luster. Last year Avi Hanani, the director of the Voice of Music radio network, which broadcasts concerts live and is a significant partner in the event, took over the festival helm. His first festival was somewhat disappointing, but there are signs that there is a change for the better this

The major change, and one that many people consider long overdue, concerns the inclusion of Israeli works in the program. Clearly, an event sponsored by our governmeot should oot neglect local composers, but this is what Zvi ended up doing. This year Hanani has commis-

new works by leading sioned young Israeli composers Oded Zehavi, Gil Shohat, Tzah Drori, Tzippi Fleisher, Ranko Richtman. Shlomo Gronich and Yosef Brandashvilli. He feels proud of this innovation and attributes it to the additional time available to him for planning the festival. Works by Arik Sbapira, Oren Schwartz and Zvi Avni will also be performed, some of them twice during the festival.

In true innovatory style, the festival's opening concert will pre-miere two Israeli works. Music lovers who are afraid of contemporary music should not let this worry them. The program also fea-tures works by Tcbaikovsky. Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Mozart.

As for the performers, they include most of the who's who of the local classical music scene as well as some visitors from abroad. Several young local musicianson the path to stardom, like the Young Jerusalem String Quartet, have also been invited.

Anyone who has ever visited Kfar Blum during festival time must surely be aware of the pure magic of the place. The landscape is gorgeous, the food sumptuous

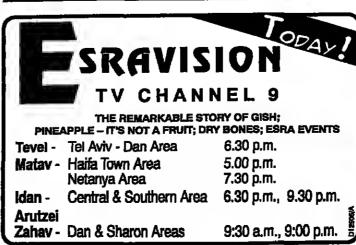


new work by Shlomo Gronich is one of the features of the Kfar Blum festival.

and the aura soothing yet electrifyiog. With 16 classical concerts between July 26 and August 2, and first-rate performers from around the globe, who could ask for anything more?

Another important event taking place in Kfar Blum this summer is the Tel Hai Summer International Piano Masterclasses (July 29-August 12). These usually take place at Tel Hai, but have been relocated to Kfar Blum this year and will coincide with the festival. Close to 50 pianists from all over the world (including about 20 locals) will participate in these masterclasses, whose teachers include visitors Jose Ribera, Victor Rosenbaum, Sontraud Speidel and Israelis Michael Boguslavsky, Victor Derevianko, Emanuel Krasovsky, Pnina Salzman, Arie

Vardi and Yahli Wagman. But the major addition to the event is Georgian-born pianist Alexander Korsantiya, the winner



festival will also be able to feature Korsantiya on one of its programs. "We will still remain independent, but being in Kfar Blum is quite exciting," says masterclasses general director Marina Bondarenko. "Some of our teacbers will play in the festival. Korsantiya was very excited about the project and will be with us all the time." While students learn throughout the day, the masterclasses also extend into the evening, with concerts by students and teachers in Kfar Blum and the surrounding kibbutzim.

of the recent Artur Rubinstein

Master Piano Competition in Tel

Aviv. As a result, the Kfar Blum

While budding musicians study piano in Kfar Blum, violinists make Kibbutz Eilon in Western Galilee their summer home. Here Keshet Eilon, with music director Yitzhak Rashkovsky and Annie Schnarch, provides the young stars of the future with a serene kibbutz setting where they can hone their craft and enjoy a variety of extracurricular activities including the secrets of violin making and archery.

Among the teachers at Eilon are violinist extraordinaire Shlomo Miotz, who bas been coming to Eilon regularly for the past few years, Pavel Kogan and Edward Grach from Russia, Lewis Kaplan from the US. Rudolph Werthen from Belgium, Boris Kuschnir from Austria and many others including Israeli David Chen. And again, music lovers in the area will be able to enjoy evening concerts in Eilon and the surrounding areas by students and teachers alike.

All in all, both the Eilon and the Tel Hai masterclasses provide unique learning opportunities for young musicians as well as some first-rate concerts for local residents and for those spending their summers in Galilee.

goes out to this one man. You're so open, you're almost sloppy, as though you're saying 'here I am.'" Forget the technique, he's telling

them, "get where you want to go." Movement, he tells his students, "comes from the inside out not from the outside in. Dance is about learning to use your body and mean it so that the dance speaks." This is Duncan's sixth visit in nine years. In addition to making a dance for the company, he's conducting the Bat Dor summer workshop for the second year in a row. He first came with the Chicagobased Joseph Holmes Dance Theater (JHDT) when he was its artistic director and in-house choreographer. He was skinny then, charming, and moved with a dancer's lithe grace. He's heavier oow and doesn't dance anymore. and JHDT folded in 1994, but

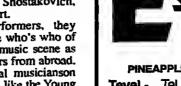
Duncan still moves with that same easy fluidity and he's still charm-

Duncan, who lives in Chicago, has been a freelancer since he resigned from the company in 1993. He's given three of his dances to the Joffrey Ballet, including Copland Moters and Initiation which he originally made for JHDT, and is working on a new one called Affection. He teaches at a local arts high school and does the occasional semester at a university, but this is the first time he's been invited to choreograph for a company outside the

Even nine years ago he called himself an audience choreographer who didn't like 'to make introverted dances that leave the audience out." That hasn't changed either.

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# Negotiating without violence

orders from Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and the public statement by the United States that Israeli charges must be taken "with the highest degree of seriousness" indicates that Israel has solid evidence that the three Palestinian policemen it arrested last week were in fact about to carry out a terrorist attack. The peace process stands on the edge of a precipice; it will take a concerted effort hy Palestinians and Israelis to pull back from the edge and step up to higher ground.

Israeli security officials have not directly accused Arafat of personal knowledge of the foiled terrorist attack, hut they reportedly have proof that Col. Ghazi Jabali, commander of the West Bank and Gaza police force, dispatched the police on their mission with weapons that could not be traced to the Palestinian Police, guns whose mere possession is a violation of the Oslo agreement.

Though much has changed since the days in which the PLO and Israel met only at the point of a gun, one thing evidently remains the same: The Palestinians are convinced that violence is the key to achieving their diplomatic aims.

Based upon the record until now, it would be hard to argue with the logic of this Palestinian perception. After all, Israel came to recognize the "legitimate political rights" of the Palestinians in general, and the leadership of the PLO in particular, following decades of terrorism directed against Israel. Even in the posthandshake era of Oslo, the Palestinians have noted that Netanyahu only called Arafat his partner, withdrew from Hehron, and locked himself into Oslo's further redeployments after the violence surrounding the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel last September.

Neither side, it seems, is willing to make a clean hreak from the paradigm in which violence and the peace process move together, hand in hand.

Though Netanyahu has worked hard to reverse the impression that the peace process could continue despite high levels of violence, his actions have sent mixed signals.

On the one hand, Netanyahu heads a coalition that would not be unhappy about shutting down the Oslo process if Palestinian violence provided sufficient cause. On the other, there is the example of Netanyahu's response to the September violence, which resulted in an accel-

The arrest of Col. Jihad Massimi under rying out that threat too blatantly now could be costly to him.

> Given this situation, Israel has two options at its disposal to finally remove Palestinian violence from the negotiating table: to bring its policies in line with its "zero tolerance" rhetoric regarding violence, and to discredit the "politics of weakness" that are the backbone of the justification for violence. Neither option is particularly feasible.

> All the parties involved realize that, regardless of the wishes of the coalition's right wing, Israel will not overtly pull out of the peace process in response to threats and low-level violence, even though they are violations of the Oslo accords. Unfortunately, the Palestinians have succeeded in training both Israel and the US not to expect them to comply with signed agreements, except in the broadest of terms. If Israel were really to insist on the "reciprocity" that we heard so much about at first and now do not hear about at all, then Israel would be accused of scuttling the peace process.

> Nor can Israel combat the politics of weakness that Arafat employs so skillfully, in which the greater the threat of violence, the more it is attributed to Arafat's weakness, simultaneously absolving him of the responsibility for combating violence and increasing the pressure on Israel to "strengthen" Arafat.

> No amount of complaining will change the fact that Israel is seen as the older sibling who is expected to be more flexible for the sake of peace and quiet, even if justice - or the Oslo accords - are not completely served.

> The fact that in the current situation the Palestinians can effectively get away with a certain amount of violence, however, does not mean that it is smart for them to do so in the long run. The Palestinian disregard for numerous commitments made just six months ago in the Hehron accord, including the commitment to dishand the terrorist infrastructure of rejectionist elements, has a cumulative effect that will increase Israeli resistance to taking risks in . final status talks.

But neither should the Netanyahu government believe that the extended stall in the peace process is in its interest. If and when a package deal is reached that restarts the process, Netanyahu should be on the lookout for ways to demonstrate to the Palestinians that Israel will be more forthcoming in the context of enhanced security cooperation than in the current climate of barely-suppressed violence. In the long run, Israelis have an interest in convincing Palestinians that combating violence pays, while Palestinians have an interest in convincing Israelis that they are capable of negotiating without violence.

Yelling & weeping

#### SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

'n an interview a while back. millionairess Galia Alhin recalled the occasion she returned to her home in Kfar Shmaryahu from a family vacation to discover that her Filipino maid had run off with \$10,000 worth of clothes and jewelry.

OPINION

The standard Israeli comment on this probably was that Albin should have followed her mother's advice and confiscated the

Getting a legal foreign worker is near-impossible. An illegal one? That's another story

maid's passport the moment the woman set foot in her home.

I wonder, however, how many Israelis asked how on earth Alhin had got permission to employ a Filipino maid in the first place -and if her maid was an "illegal." then how come she felt safe telling the media?

According to the regulations of the Labor Ministry's Employment Service, only "sick people and invalids, incapable of functioning alone or looking after themselves, who require regular assistance for more than 14 hours a day" are entitled to employ a foreign worker in their household.

There is another way to get a permit to employ a foreign worker: if the director-general of the employment service approves the request personally.

I don't know whether Alhin received such approval (somehow I doubt it), but press reports say another family - the Netanyahus did recently receive a permit to employ a Filipino nanny to take care of Avner and Yair Netanyahu, even though, to the best of my

knowledge, there are no sick people or invalids in the Netanyahu household.

Both these cases disturb me, for the reason that I know how difficult it is for those who really need the services of a Filipino (or other) foreign worker - for the reasons specified above - to obtain a permit

Not long ago I engaged in a five-month battle for a permit allowing me to hire a Filipino caregiver for my disabled mother in Haifa.

At first the Employment Service turned me down point-blank, saying that since I had been employing Israeli caregivers at the time I submitted my request, I wasn't entitled to a foreign worker.

My argument, that I could no longer afford to employ Israelis -I was paying close to NIS12,000 per month for round-the-clock help, excluding other living expenses and a cleaning woman, since Israeli caregivers don't do housework - made no impression on the Employment Service offi-

able, unemployed, English-speak-I finally got my Filipino careing new immigrants from Russia giver, hut not without a lot of who could take care of the two lityelling and weeping, and not without applying all the "Vitamin tle princes? And where is Gesher, so concerned about social issues? P" I could muster, including a Aren't there any suitable, unemclose aide of the Labor minister, ployed, English-speaking Israelis three government ministers, the of Moroccan origin? speaker of the Knesset and the And what about the National Labor Party secretary-general. Religious Party, currently fighting

I could have got an illegal Filipina in two days.

SO far not one member of the coalition has uttered a peep about the Netanyahus' employing yet another non-Jewish foreigner, who must speak fluent English hut need not know any Hebrew, to help raise their children.

Where is Yisrael Ba'Aliya, Jewish people? which put up such a fight over the appointment of an ambassador to Moscow? Aren't there any suitbusy keeping non-Orthodox converts out of the country and con-

facts.



taining the spread throughout society of undesirable govish influences? Last I heard, Shas was in charge of the Labor Ministry and the Employment Service ....

As of this writing, the only politician to have raised any fuss about the Netanyahus' prospective nanny is Labor's Ofir Pines, who has used the issue to attack the for the appointment of some of its prime minister.

While this is legitimate, the own men as religious judges? whole issue of foreign workers -Aren't there any suitable, unemthe authorines' failure to control ployed, English-speaking religious settlers who, besides wiping their entry into Israel and to deal the young Netanyahus' noses, with the very serious social problems their presence creates - is too could nurture in them some love serious to be used merely as a for the Land of Israel, for the lanstick to beat the prime minister guage of the Bible and for the with. It needs immediate attention in and of itself. And where is Shas, currently so

The writer is a political scientist.



Then news broke last week about a squad Palestinian police who were apparently ordered by Palestinian chief of police Brig. Gen. Ghazi Jabali to amhush Israeli cars, I hoped finally to see a departime-from Israel's policy regarding

Palestinian violations, a policy that has been termed "full gas, in neutral." I was disappointed. It's not as if there wasn't enough

reason before last week to call Yasser Arafat to account for what has become a farce.

For months, the Prime Minister's Office has been churnout lists of Palestinian

Authority violations. Just this

#### **AARON LERNER**

action, he conceded that they with the Oslo accords. And that don't go beyond presenting the includes extraditing terrorists. When I asked Landau if insist-

Is there any chance that the goving on extradition was a problem ernment will go beyond simply since many people think it would reporting Palestinian violations finish Oslo off entirely - he for the sake of the history books? replied: "Excusing the PA from honoring its obligation to extra-T think that one thing, at least as of now, that is taken seriously is dite terrorists is a formula for

It's time for Netanyahu to go beyond recording Palestinlan violations and

n't push it through the Central Committee?

'No," Hisham Abdel Razio. who serves as a Fatah representative from Jabalya in the Palestinian Legislative Council assured me. "Even when Arafat [presented] the plan of Oslo for approval it went through." What, finally, if Arafat really

can't meet his Oslo obligations for some other reason?

Two-thirds of Palestinians replying to the JMCC poll said they were "optimistic about the future." So they must not be convinced that Netanyahu is serious. about "Allon-Plus." Conclusion: If Arafat can't control his people while he has over. 30.000 armed "police" packing who knows how much weaponry and while the Palestinians are still banking on Jerusalem as their capital, he surely won't be able to control them when the day of reckoning comes. There are those on the Left who see Oslo as nothing more than a convenient cover for unilateral withdrawal. But they are in the minority. Most Israelis - and, for that matter, the US Congress expect more than that. They expect a durable peace in the region. It's time for Netanyahu to take the logical step and go beyond simply recording Palestinian violations and issuing general calls for compliance. He owes it to Israel, and to future generations, to make it very clear to the Palestinians that their violations will have serious consequences on the ground.

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eration of the process.

Arafat seems to be mirroring the schizophrenic Israeli response to Palestinian violence with his own mixed approach. He has evidently come to the conclusion that limited violence, with an implied threat of more serious violence, still serves his negotiating interests, but that car-

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **CORAL BEACH RESERVE**

Sir, - We were very sorry to read about Mrs. Weinberger's unfortunate experience in the Coral Beach Reserve (Letters, July 8).

Some of the beaches along the coast of Eilat were designated as public swimming beaches and as so, they have a lifeguard on duty during the day. Other beaches are not designated for recreational swimming and have signs warning the public about it. The Coral Beach Reserve is one of these.

The Nature Reserves Authority invested much effort and money for the safety and comfort of the visitors at the reserve hy building hridges over the reef and installing warning signs. However this beach is not a regular swimming beach and is intended for divers and snorkelers who come to watch the beautiful coral reefs.

I was surprised to read that a current had pulled Mrs. Weinberger out, away from the shore. Currents in Eilat are longshore currents, very slow and only

60 years ago: On July 21, 1937.

The Palestine Post reported that

the British House of Lords began

a debate on Lord Peel's Royal

Commission on Palestine. Lord

Peel, Chairman of the

Commission who is received

with loud cheers, defended his

Marconi, inventor of wireless,

50 years ago: On July 21, 1947,

The Palestine Post reported that

there was still no news about the

ultimate destination of the three

"floating cages," British deporta-

although it became obvious that

their deportation, to be taken to

findings.

died in Rome.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

under the surface. The only force acting on swimmers on the surface is the light wind that blows diagonally into the shore. I was also surprised to read that she was swimming 100 meters away in 10 meters of water in the first place, since the coral observing area is right next to the reef, in three meters of waters at most. At the distance and depth she described, there is nothing to see, and more important, the glass-bottomed

boats travel at that distance and could run swimmers over. In all the years that I have worked in the reserve and with all

the hundreds of thousands of visitors, there has never been case of drowning, and I hope we will keep a clean record in the future too. NOAM MESHI,

Director, Coral Beach Reserve, Nature Reserves Authority

Ussishkin and Bezalel streets, A

British constable was wounded

near Mahaneh Yehuda, while a

British soldier was killed near

Netanya protested collective

punishment as "Operation Tiger,"

Jerusalem

Ra'anana.

Irgun Zvai Leumi.

blown up at the corner of against Israel. There were, how-

- In paragraph one of the Sir. story "Beduin held for Wadi Kelt murders" (June 27), Ahmed Ali Ka'abneh is reported to have said he did it "because he hated Jews." What's confusing about that? And how does General Uzi Dayan translate that base visceral animosity into: "the murders were carried out for nationalistic motives"?

In hatred, and simply because they were Jews, Hagit Zavitzky and Liat Kastlel were tragically slaughtered .... Not a new plot, not even a new setting. Why clothe the naked hatred that propelled a murderer into such hrutal, unprovoked action with the pseudorespectability of political or philosophical motives? Hatred against Jews can and has repeatedly stood on its own, independent of time, place, logic and cogent explana-

tion. **ELAINE SHLOMOVIC** 

ever, intelligence reports that

Soviet pilots were still in Egypt.

transmitted successfully from this

Soviet Union's Venus 8 probe

15 years ago: On July 21, 1982,

Jerusalem.

planet.

Sunday it released a 35-page report assessing Palestinian compliance (or rather noncompliance) with the Hebron accord. The picture isn't pretty. According to the report, the PA paid youths to riot and attack IDF soldicrs, and deployed 1,500 police (instead of the authorized

400) with illegal weapons in Hebron. PLAIN HATRED More than 150 members of Hamas and the extremist PFLP

have been put in key positions in the Palestinian Police. The PA refuses to transfer terror suspects to Israel; some are even serving in the police.

The report states that "virtually none of the tens of thousands of weapons circulating [illegally] in the autonomous areas have been collected hy the PA in the past six months."

Strong stuff. But to have any serious impact, these reports have to reach some kind of operative conclusion.

When I asked senior Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Illan why his reports don't call for any specific

#### issuing general calls for compliance

the participation of Palestinian making the entire agreement irrel-Police in terrorist acts," Bar-Illan evant replied. As if to prove his point, Agreed. But is Arafat able to Arafat has ordered the arrest of

pull off compliance, even if he Col. Jihad Massimi for his wants to? Isn't Hamas strengtheninvolvement in the ring. ing its hold on the Palestinian But Massimi was apparently street? only himself carrying out orders. That's not what Palestinian poll-

And with the chief of police issusters are finding. Last week, the Jerusalem Media ing the orders, it's pretty far-

and Communication Centre released its early July poll of Palestinians. The poll found dissatisfaction with Hamas and opposition parties growing even more than dissatisfaction with Arafat and the PA.

A similar poll hy The Center for Palestine Research and Studies last month found that support for Hamas was only 8 percent, and for Islamic Jihad a mere 2.1 percent.

Well, can Arafat handle opposition within Fatah itself? After all, he is chairman of Fatah, but his orders must be authorized by the Central Committee.

Has it, for example, ever happened that Arafat wanted to give line for Palestinian compliance an instruction to Fatah, but could-

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thing as odd as washing one's

This kind of soap opera we need

FRIMET ROTH

everal years ago, an article in Sthese pages bernoance -turbing lack of hygiene in Jerusalem's kindergartens.

Now, with hepatitis visiting our home for the first time, I am reminded about that journalist/mother's concern.

She was particularly annoyed about the communal cups our three-to-five year-olds were using to quench their thirst, and found the superintendent's response to her complaint unsatisfactory.

The municipality, that official 36 cups repeatedly throughout the morning. So, for lack of budget, germs were circulating unchecked among our children.

waged an unsuccessful year-long battle to equip my daughter's kindergarten with bathroom soap. On one occasion, I asked the helper what had become of the several bars of soap I had repeatedly deposited beside the bathroom sink but which were never in sight. She reached to the top of a seven-foot

high cupboard and got one down. "I keep it here," she said, "out of the kids' reach because it makes such a mess.' Well, here we are, eight years later, and another one of my children has just completed her first

fetched to believe that Arafat did-

"If Arafat gave the order, then the

whole peace process will have to

come under examination," Bar-Illan

warned sternly. "Even if it turned

out that Arafat didn't know about it,

this would not be much comfort.

This would show a serious lack of

control. Imagine if the PM didn't

know what [Minister of Internal

LIKUD MK Uzi Landan, who

chairs the Knesset Foreign and

Security Affairs Committee,

thinks it's time to draw a line. To

this end, he is calling on

Netanyahu to set a 90-day dead-

Security] Kahalani was doing."

n't know about them.

is a debilitating and sometimes dangerous illness. While 99 percent of cases clear np, about 100 people die from it each year.

Infectious Diseases News. The

annual cost associated with the ill-

Recently one of my children

"I'm going to scruh my hands like

that too," she announced, impressed

ness, they say, is \$200 million.

closet and got her a bar.

the door, so no one sees me."

Let's start a trend - washing our hands. Who knows, it may catch on

year of government-mandated according to the American kindergarten.

She encountered the same old communal cups and soapless bathrooms. Nothing had changed. Again, I presented the kindergarten teacher with a bar of soap, and never saw it in the bathroom. (By now, I knew better than to enquire after its whereabouts.)

OUR country has progressed by leaps and bounds in high-tech, computers, hiotechnology, you name it. So why have we lagged so

hands? Clearly, equipping our kindergarten and school bathrooms far behind in hygiene? with soap would be only a first step Hepatitis A need not, should not, toward stemming the tide of be the common ailment it is here. It benatitis.

Children, and adults, need to be educated about the importance of proper bathroom hygiene and how to practice it. For many, such information will be a revelation.

I have encountered extreme.nonchalance regarding elementary hygiene even among doctors and nurses. Parents are notoriously loath to point out professionals" foibles to the offenders - but when a nurse handled my ill daughter's soiled diaper and then took her finger to prick it for a glucose test. I couldn't contain myself and insisted she first remove her contaminated gloves.

asked for soap after using the toilet Until proper hygiene becomes at a friend's house. The other girl second nature, it is presumptions of us to consider Israel a developed said it was kept in her mother's. Country.

A campaign to promote awareness of hygiene is long, overdne. with the novelty. "But I better close Let's launch it now

Naturally. Who wants to invite The writer is a resident, of ridicule when one is doing some- Jerusalem.

#### By SHERVLA E. Nend

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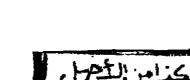
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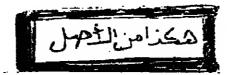
Alexander Zvielli

The Jerusalem Post reported that the martial law imposed on the area, entered its sixth day. The five Israeli soldiers were killed town was cut hy barbed-wire and six wounded in Lebanon, entanglements while British solwhile Ariel Sharon, the defence minister, claimed that PLO camps diers carried on their search for their two Intelligence sergeants are not a part of West Beirut. kidnapped as hostages by the Iran bombed Iraqi oil installations. 10 years ago: On July 21, 1987, 25 years ago. On July 21, 1972,

tion ships carrying the Exodus The Jerusalem Post reported that 1947 4,500 "illegal" immigrants, the Egyptian government The Jerusalem Post reported that the first two Kuwaiti tankers were explained that its action to end reflagged and hoisted US flags they were not, as they were the massive Soviet military preswhile US defence secretary Caspar Weinberger warned Iran promised, in order to facilitate ence was meant as a move against any interference with oil towards peace, an apparent shift Cyprus. Machine-gun fire shook from its previous unremitting traffic in the Persian Gulf. Jerusalem. An armored car was calls for an "inevitable hattle



explained, has no money to pay either for disposable cups or for a teacher's helper to wash out some



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# **Bad Guys**

# 10 Most-Wanted List: Mirror to a Nation's Psyche

By DAVID JOHNSTON

WASHINGTON HOUGH the 27-year-old man being hunted for the murder of Gianni Versace last week seems to be running circles around the authorities, the odds actually swung heavily against him last month when the Federal Bureau of Investigation elevated him to its list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." In the 47 years since the F.B.I. began the list as a publicity device, 421 of the 449 people in the top 10 have been tracked down.

The fugitive, Andrew P. Cunanan, made the list on June 12 as the prime suspect in four killings before the murder of Mr. Versace, the Italian fashion designer gunned down point blank on Tuesday outside his villa in South Miami Beach. Since then, the F.B.I. wanted poster bearing Mr. Cunanan's likeness seems to have turned up everywhere, including on the Internet.

In a sense, Mr. Cunanan typifies the scores of fugitives wanted for hrazenly violent crimes who have always occupied a place on the most-wanted list. But the list offers more peoetrating insights into the country's shifting preoccupation with crime than fugitives like Mr. Cunanan would suggest.

More than a catalogue of rogues, the most-wanted list reflects the F.B.I.'s effort to connect with changing phohias of crime roiling the American psyche. Thus the list was populated with hank robbers in the 1950's, political radicals in the 1960's and 70's and drug lords in the 1980's. Now foreign terrorists are often on the list.

#### Publicity

Placing a fugitive oo the list announces the F.B.I.'s sense of urgency about a case and, as Mr. Cunanan's case demonstrates, geoerates considerable publicity about its resolve to capture a suspect. Internally, it means a more elaborate structure for the agency's investigation.

There are few objective criteria that qualify a suspect among the 4,000 to 6,000 Federal fugitives at large at any given time. Agents submit names of suspects to F.B.L headquarters, where they are reviewed hy superlors for approval. To make the list, a fugitive usually must be considered particularly dangerous in a case likely to attract enough publicity to generate leads and an arrest.

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Each of the F.B.I.'s 56 field offices must keep an open file on every top-10 suspect, and each receives regular updates. Tips are forwarded expeditiously to headquarters and distributed to each office for investigation. F.B.I. agents say arresting a "Top Tenner" is a coveted trophy that can catapault a career upward.

But placing a fugitive on the list is not problem free. Heightened publicity often means numerous false leads, well intentioned and not-so, that must be run down at the cost of agents' time. The rampant public speculation last week about Mr. Cunanan suggested that more than a few crackpots were on the prowl

In some notorious cases, the top-10 approach is of little value. For example, in the Unabom case, the identity of the suspect was unknown. As a result, Theodore Kaczynski was oever on the list.

Odds are the suspect in Versace's murder will be caught. Most on the list are.

Nevertheless, the top-10 program has captured the public's imagination in so many cases - 131 fugitives have been captured as a result of tips from citizens that the F.B.I. has actively tried to expand it. One update, posting the list on the Internet, which has so far led to the arrest of one fugitive, is the F.B.I.'s latest innovation linking one of its most durable public-relations tactics to the latest communications advances.

F.B.1. officials said the most-wanted list has been given a boost by television shows like "America's Most Wanted" or "Unsolved Mysteries," which have been responsible for the apprehension of more than a dozen top-10 suspects.

More technological change is coming. Soon, the still photographs now displayed on the Internet, which eclipsed the familiar black-and-white "wanted by the F.B.I." posters that hang in post offices, are themselves to be supplanted by computer systems that will let users

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UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION MURDER SECOND DEGREE



# ANDREW PHILLIP CUNANAN

Alias: Andrew Phillip DeSilva

#### DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth: August 31, 1969; Place of Birth: San Diego, California; Race: White: Sex: Male; Height: 5'9'-5' 10"; Weight: 160-180 pounds; Eves: Brown; Hair: Dark Brown.

Remarks: Cunanan may wear prescription eyeglasses. He has been known to change his hairstyle and weight. He allegedly has ties to the gay community. He has portrayed himself as being wealthy.

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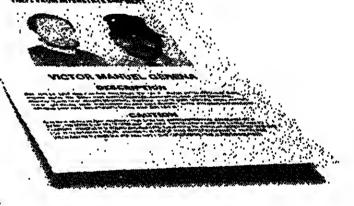
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#### Women and AIDS



hs by Jose R. Lopez and Naum Kazhdan/The New York Time

In determining its 10 mostwanted fugitives, the F.B.L is

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sensitive to changing national phobias about crime. Currently, suspected foreign terrorists are well-represented on the list.

# The Better Half Got the Worse End

#### By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

HE headlines last week trumpeted the good news: Deaths from AIDS had dropped 19 percent in the United States, continuing a decline first reported in May. The disease, it appears, has turned a corner in this country, changing from a death sentence into a chronic, treatable illness. As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared, "We have entered a new era in the H.I.V. epidemic."

Yet in the fine print of the Government's statistics was a less cheerful tale. Between 1995 and 1996, deaths of women decreased by just 7 perceot, as against 22 percent in men. And while the number of deaths dropped 28 percent for whites, the drop was 10 percent for blacks and 16 percent for Hispanic victims.

The turnaround, in other words, has primarily benefited white men.

#### The Probiem is Not Biology

"The good news is that death rates are starting to fall," said Dr. Helene Gayle, who directs the AIDS program at the disease control centers. "The bad news is that the people who are having the least benefit from prevention efforts and better therapies are women and minorities."

The trends are particularly troubling for women, who account for 20 percent of the AIDS population and are joining the nation's roster of cases faster than men. Most infected women are also minorities, and most are poor and uneducated. And their chances for survival are worse than for men, for reasons that bave nothing to do with biology.

When women get the same treatments as men, they fare just as well. But research has found that even when women are properly diagnosed, they are less likely than men to be

placed on antiviral therapy. One study, published in 1994 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, tracked 768 women and 3,779 men for 15 months. It found that women were 33 percent more likely to die than men who were com-



Deborah Gordan, who has AIDS, takes her 20 pills, while Jordan, her grandson, waits.

parably ill when they entered the study. Io women, twice as often as in men, death was the first sign that H.I.V. was progressing. Women, it was clear, were waiting longer than men to receive treatment.

"It's definitely a tale of two cities, two communities," said Dr. Kenneth H. Mayer, director of the Brown University AIDS program.

The reasons for this are complex and have as much to do with socioeconomics and culture as with gender. Homosexual men, who account for the majority of men with AIDS, are often politically active, with strong networks of support. But many women with AIDS, experts say, do not know even one other woman infected with H.I.V.

"Women, especially women of color, don't have the time or the money or the energy to be surfing the Internet to know what the new and improved latest treatment is," Dr. Mitchell said. "They tend overwbelmingly to be mothers. They don't have that leisure to make AIDS the only focus in their life."

The C.D.C. reports that while AIDS is now the third leading cause of death for American women aged 25 to 44, it is the leading cause of death for African-American women in that age group. In 1994, the centers reported that black women were almost 15 times more likely than white women to test positive for H.L.V.

Black women are also more likely to shy





www.disinfo.com What's really going on up there.



**Peace Dividend?** Bosnia has more hatred than ever. By Chris Hedges

# The World

# Bosnia's Peace Dividend: Hatred for Everyone



Last week Bosnian families examined the bodies of civilians killed by Serbs in 1992.

#### By CHRIS HEDGES

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina ATIONALISM, far from being on the wane as one might expect fol-lowing the end of the war in Bosnia, is far more entrenched and insidious than it was when the conflict staried.

When the war began, nationalism clearly came from the top down. It was Slobodan Milosevic, the President of Serhia, and Franjo Tudiman, the President of Croatia, who beat the drums of nationalism. But now, after four years of heavy, daily propaganda, Serbs and Croats alike have finally absorbed the message that they were indeed abused and persecuted. And in a sense they are right.

The war has left people with a greater wellspring of hatred, a hatred that is much more concrete. Hundreds of thousands of Bosnians have lost homes, relatives and friends, ending the war as destitute refugees. While older Yugoslavs could remember the horrors of ethnic cleansing during World War II, they also had some 50 years of relatively peaceful coexistence. Now the grievances are oew and tangible.

And with ethnic parties in power in all three enclaves in Bosnia - parties that have nothing more to offer than the homhastic cant of ethnic supremacy and solldarity - the leaders need the fire of racial hatred to rage.

Television stations in the Croat, Serb and Muslim entities frequently show gruesome footage of maimed bodies, decomposed corpses being lifted from mass graves and emotional interviews with victims. The

Nationalism came from the top. Now it has finally seeped down into the public's consciousness.

slights committed against the few minorities that remain in opposing enclaves are trumpeted in the party-controlled media. And indoctrination is more effective now that most ethnic communities have lost contact with one another.

It is little wonder, then, that some 19 months after the signing of the Dayton peace agreement, ethnic tensions show no sign of dissipating. What is slightly more surprising is that the people, who have no love for their leaders, have also turned against the peacekeepers.

#### Fear of Peacekeepers

Take, for example, the reaction to the recent NATO-led operation to capture two Bosnian-Serb war criminals. The operation left one Serb paramilitary leader dead and resulted in the deportation of another Serh to the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague. Bosnian Serb leaders responded hy boycotting the joint institutions set up under the Dayton accord and hy hroadcasting, on state-controlled radio and television, news reports designed to spread fear.

The hroadcasts suggested that not only



In 1992, during a prisoner exchange, a procession of Serbs from Mostar (left) passed a procession of Muslims from Herzegovina.

war criminals would be subject to arrest, but also any man who served in the Bosnian Serb army during the war. After that there were about half a dozen minor attacks against international monitors and the 31,000 peacekeeping troops, including one attack against an American soldier stationed in the town of Vlasenica.

The attacks and the boycott are largely symbolic. No one has been seriously injured and the joint institutions have no influence in the actual governing of Bosnia. But they are a message to the outside world not to disrupt the status quo.

At first glance this might seem curious. Few Bosnians express much love for their leaders. Muslims in Sarajevo slam the ruling party for its Islamic correctness and nepotism. Ethnic Croats and Serbs are well aware of the corruption and hrutality of their leaders

But while the ethnic leaderships have no great following, they have managed to instill in their people a deep fear of the opposing ethnic groups. The war has transformed neighbors, who speak the same language and are ethnically indistinguishable, into stereotypes. Croats in the divided city of Mostar,

for example, will aver earnestly that just over the bridge the Muslims are setting up an Islamic stale modeled after Iran. It is nonsense, of course, but as propaganda it works.

#### Winner Take All

If there were winners in this war, they are the nationalist cliques in Zagreb, Belgrade and Sarajevo, which have dealt a mortal blow to the concept of a civil soclety and the rule of law.

The rights of the individual are subjugated to the aims of the ethnic state. All crimes and repression, including ethnic cleansing and murder, are justified in the state's battle to survive. And the rights of any ethnic minority, just by being a minority, are jettisoned to purify the nation.

Serbs and Croats who lived in Sarajevo. for example, have had their homes confiscated by the Muslim Government and cannot return to what is now a Muslim city. The rival Bosnian Serb and Croat enclaves, along with neighboring Croatia, have not only carried out widespread confiscations but have also pillaged, looted and murdered.

Even the institutions charged with providing a moral voice have been seduced hy the dark elixir of nationalism.

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The Serbian Orthodox Church, which remains closely linked to the Bosnian Serb leadership, recently held a conference in Belgrade on the "genocide" against Serbs in the war. Although perhaps 90 percent of all victims in the war were Muslim and Croat, they were not mentioned.

The Catholic church in Croatia has never denounced the egregious crimes committed hy Croats against the Serh minority in this war. And Islamic leaders in Sarajevo have also readily giveo their blessing to the state.

The conflict has also snuffed out the careers of those who believed coexistence was possible. Tolerant voices, like that of the former Prime Minister Ante Markovic, are now rarely heard, even within the disorganized and weak oppositioo parties.

Any act of reconciliation and tolerance now comes at the initiative of individuals. But the weight of all those institutions that have an iron hold over these three ethnic enclaves easily crushes and renders insignificant such small acts of charity.

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#### Silliness as a Balm

# Hogan! Germans Need You.

#### By ALAN COWELL

BERLIN URDENED by decades of guilt, Germans are understandably reluctant to mine their past for laughs. So it's surprising to say the least that each evening at 6:30 the ratings jump by 50 percent on the Munich-based Cable One network, as up to 840,000 Germans tune in to "Hogan's Heroes," the American prisoner-of-war sitcom that even some Amerlcans criticized as inseositive to World War II's horrors when it first aired in the 1960's.

Here, writ large in this comedy of caricatures, are the gray and hlack uniforms of the Hitler era, the barbed wire and the wooden huts of a prison camp - totems that usually evoke feelings of shame mixed with revulsion in Germans. So what's the joke?

"It's very simple," said Josef Joffe, a newspaper commentator in Munich. The two main German characters of the series - Colonel Klink, the prison commandant, and the beefy guard Sergeant Schultz - "are absolutely non-threatening."

"They are burnhling fools who do not confront Germans with the classic Hollywood image of the cold, ultra-competent Nazi, the cruel Himmler figure bestriding the world in jackboots," he said.

That is to say, Germans don't mind laughing at Germans in Nazi uniforms provided they are clearly, very clearly, shown to be huffoons - as Third Reich Lite rather than the manifestations of 20th-century evil that Germans regularly see in their history books and much of the rest of popular culture.

#### **Cageful of Heroes**

This explanation of the show's current appeal is supported by its mixed track record in Germany. When first introduced here in 1992 hy another channel, with a title that translates roughly as "Barbed Wire and Clean Heels," it was aired without attention to certain nuances of presentation. And it was a ratings flop. Then Cable One hired some creative dubbers to rework it a hit.

It was renamed, somewhat more whimsically, "A Cageful of Heroes." Klink and Schultz were given hroad Swahian and Bavarian dialects, playing on regional stereotypes to underline the notion that they are comic figures - not to be confused with, say, the depraved concentration camp commandant played by Ralph Fiennes in the Steven Spielberg film "Schindler's List."

Touchy plot lines in the original American episodes, like a German plan to hlitz London, were written out and replaced with a German plan to bomhard Britain with condoms and thus win the war through hirth control -shades of Woody Allen's comedic duhhing of a Japanese spy thriller in "What's Up, Tiger Lily?"

And, of course, the show's stiff-arm salutes could not be accompanied by "Hell Hitler!" Instead, the new dubbing has German officers barking out, "This is how high the cornflowers grow!" as they raise their arms.

The ratings have soared, and Cable One credits the revamping for the turnabout. Although the show generates nothing like the viewership of top German programs (No. 1 is a nightly newscast that draws some 8.44 million viewers), "Hogan's Heroes" is first in its time slot among Germany's newer cable channels, says Cable One, which is available nationally. In cootrast, "Seinfeld," another American import, was canceled hy the channel this month because, as one insider put it, its "slick, East Coast American humor just passed people by."

#### Ridiculous? Yes. Funny? Well . . .

The success of "Hogan's Heroes" here is all the more remarkable in light of German laws drawn up specifically to prevent glorification of the Third Reich or trivialization of the Holocaust. But the show passes muster. The smart American - epitomized by Bob Crane in the role of Col. Robert Hogan - always outwits the dumh German, while the Wehrmacht is reduced to an array of scheming, ineffective dolts. And in the German view, the show's very silliness distances it from the realities of genocide.

Indeed, its inoffensiveness - if not its wit - seems broadly accepted. "I don't see anything insulting in the one or two episodes I've seen," said Ignatz Bubis, the head of the main Jewish organization in Germany. "On the other hand, it's not very funny; ridiculous, yes, but not worth laughing at."

But - again, this being Germany - can anything be that simple? Can the past ever be diminished, forgotten or glossed over?

Comic relief, of course, can'l exist without Angst otherwise, what would it provide relief from? And so it can be argued that "Hogan's Heroes" provides an antidote to a veritable catalogue of anguished re-examinations of German war culpability in popular culture.

The most striking visual example is "Schindler's List." The 1994 movie, profoundly shocking to young Germans in particular, exploded a myth. Until then, many Germans preferred not to question the notion that they or their forebears were helpless against Hitler's power. Instead, the example of Oskar Schindler bore the deeply disturbing message that even a cynical businessman could do something to save Jews while the bulk of "good" Germans did nothing.

Against that, "A Cageful of Heroes," running in its revised form since 1993, offers a halm. The monocled Col. Wilhelm Klink (Werner Klemperer) and Sgt. Hans Schultz (John Banner), the guard with an appetite for bratwurst and denial ("I see notheeng"), are counterpoints to the sadistic camp commandant of "Schindler's List." No one dies in "Hogan's Heroes." Rather than despise their captors, Mr. Joffe notes, the prisoners are in cahoots with them to dupe the higwigs in Berlin.

Significantly, moreover, the hulk of the audience that has elevated the American series to near cult status is composed of 14- to-29-year-old males, said Petra Wirtz, a spokeswoman for Cahle One.

In other words, those who watch the series are not



"Hogan's Heroes" is winning healthy ratings in Germany because Colonel Klink is an antidote to Angst.

contemporaries of the real Klinks and Schultzes who bore arms and watched over camps; they are a newer generation for whom the horrors are more distant, for whom being German means living in a peaceful, comfortable Europe in which nationalism has been subsumed in the striving for a hroader, continent-wide identity. That, perhaps, is why the series, produced in the United States between 1965 and 1971 (and still shown in some markets there), took more than 25 years to cross the Atlantic.

Normally when you are confronted with German history, you learn about evil and feelings of guilt," said Bernd Nussbaum, a 26-year-old student in Bonn. "This is the opposite. It's sarcastic and ironic and you don't feel

confronted at all. It's funny."

Indeed, Ms. Wirtz noted, the show is followed by a dubbed version of "M\*A\*S\*H\*," providing an evening. dose of what she called "antiwar comedy" that fits easily into modern Germany's broadly pacifist mood

Perhaps the most telling message of all is that it took a foreign-made farce to bypass Germany's own deep reluctance to be seen as trivializing a monstrous past. Thus, here as anywhere else, it has become easy enoughto laugh at what Aristotle defined as comedy's quintessential juxtaposition - the bishop and the banana skin, or the world's greatest evil hrought low by a plateful of schnitzel and sauerkraut.

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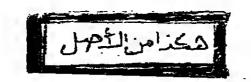
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# Ideas & Trends

# NASA Flew to Mars For Rocks? Sure.

#### By AMY HARMON

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ACK when Apollo 11 allegedly landed on the moon, conspiracy buffs complained that not enough information bad been released to tell whether it really had or not.

The skeptics are still ruffled about the moon landing. "Thousands of pictures were taken of the moon during the Apollo missions and yet the public is only shown the same dozen or so — don't you ever wonder why?" one diehard demanded on an Internet news group last week.

Not even the most determined doubter could make the same case for the Mars mission. For two weeks now, earthlings have been bombarded with high-resolution images, press conferences and geological readings. Yet perbaps precisely because of the abundance of information, suspicions about the veracity of the data coming from outer space have soared — especially on the Internet, the information overload.

The amorphous network often fosters the nagging hope that if only all the data on it could be adequately sorted, truth would finally emerge. This is coupled with the utter certainty that such nirvana can never be attained, and thus the pecullarly conforting suspicion that something important is being hidden. And the Pathfinder landing plays right into such binary logic.

"There's such a glut of information anyway that there's a cognitive dissonance," said Richard Metzger, whose World Wide Web site, www.disinfo.com, has been a hub of Mars conjecture. "There's this incredible distrust about what we're being told about everything and it resonates through the whole culture. I think that's a good thing." With no editing for space, taste or accuracy, e-speculation can get rather elaborate. Not much gets past the pros in alt.conspiracy, for instance. "GOLD ON MARS," is the title line of a long exchange on sci.electronics.design. A loud if not necessarily large contingent also continues to bemoan the choice of the Ares Valls plain as Pathfinder's landing site, over the preferable Cydomia. As perhaps not everyone knows, Cydonia is a rock configuration on the other side of the planat that marks the site of "the monuments and ruins of an ancient civiliza-

#### The Mars mission brings out the conspiracy theories.

tion," according to one of several World Wide Web pages on the subject.

But the wide range of Internet theories about the Pathfinder spacecraft's true activities can ultimately be broken down into two basic camps:

I. Pathfinder is nowhere near Mars. If it exists at all, it is most likely in Albuquerque, although possibly Arizona. Or Australia. If you look closely at some of the alleged Mars pictures, you can see a lizard, an Evian bottle or a speckle from the Photoshop computer program NASA is using to manufacture the pictures. The scientists, or their anonymous backers, or whoever it is that really runs the United States Governmant, anyway, are pocketing the cash.

2. Pathfinder is on Mars, but does the Government really think we're stupid enough to believe they would go to this much trouble just to collect a bunch of rocks? If you look closely at some of the pictures you can see a Martian footprint. Or at least some moss. The Government has for years covered up previous extraterrestrial contact and this is a) just one more piece of the big lie or b) a transparent attempt to distract attention from the 50th anniversary of the U.F.O. crash in Roswell, N.M., just as that ridiculous weather balloon story was finally about to bite the dust.

#### **Greetings**, Earther

The NASA folks, still stinging from accusations that the Mars Observer spacecraft that disappeared in 1993 was in fact blasted out of space by aliens, don't take kindly to either suggestion, infinite variations of which have been streaming into the Jet Propulsion Laboratory via electronic mail.

"This isn't Capricorn One," said NASA'a Kirk Goodall, referring to the 1978 film that portrayed a NASA-orchestrated fake Mars landing on a soundstage in the desert. "This is the first mission when we've released the pictures and results almost immediately. We're not concealing anything."

Perhaps that's the problem. When it comes to things space age, the line between reality and its various representations bas long been easily blurred. Orson Welles's 1938 reading of "War of the Worlds" found an audience all too prepared to believe in its fantastic account. In the 1971 movie "Diamonds Are Forever," James Bond drove a buggy through a fake moonscape in Nevada. And conspiracy aficionados have long contended that the moon landing was staged, filmed by Stanley Kubrick of "2001" fame.

But especially oow, believing in aliens or Hollywood special effects may be more palatable than confronting the unsettling realities of what science is capabla of. And the deluge of Mars information may make it that much easier to ascribe elusiveness to an obvious truth.

On the other hand, an E-mail message circulated on the Internet last week indicates that maybe the truth is not all that obvious to John S Dyke

Martians, either. "Mars Air Force Denies Stories of UFO Crash." the message began. This was the report: "Valles Marineris (MPI) — A spokesthing for Mars Air Force denounced as false rumors that an alien space craft crashed in the desert, outside of Ares Vallis on Friday. Appearing at a press conference today, General Rgrmrmy the Lesser, stated that 'the object was, in fact, a harmless high-altitude weather balloon, not an alien spacecraft.' General Rgrmrmy the Lesser stated that hysterical stories of a detachable vehicle roaming across the Martian desert were blatant fiction, provoked by incidences involving swamp gas.

"But the general public has been slow to accept the Air Force's explanation of recent events, preferring to speculate on the 'otherworldly' nature of the crash debris. Conspiracy theorists bave condemned Rgrmrmy's statements as evidence of 'an obvious Government cover-up,' pointing out that Mars has no swamps."

# Re-enacting Flight 800 In the Air, No Mysteries Allowed

#### By MATTHEW L. WALD

WASHINGTON WO days short of a year since Trans World Airlines Flight 800 exploded in flight, crash investigators ran one of the most elaborate re-enactments cut the number of future mysterles. But for those investigations that are not wrapped up quickly, more and more is required. The reason is that regardless of the cost, public tolerance for unexplained air disasters is near zero. More than knowing whether cell phones cause brain tumors or whether acld rain kills forests

the safety board, James Hall, said in an interview. "The fewer accidents you have, the more reliance you have on aviation transportation, the less tolerance we have for accidents." And the expectation is that the Government knows everything and should tell everything.

The public wants to know why crashes happen. And it thinks years will cost \$10 million — and before it is done it will push the boundaries of engineering knowledge.

Two years would still be far short of the record, however. Later this year, investigators hope to wrap up the 1994 crash of a USAir 737 near Pittsburgh. That investiga-

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ever, from the same airport, at the same hour of takeoff, flying a 747 of the same vintage over the same flight path. In the belly tank of the plane was the same amount of fuel, from the same refinery in Greece, warmed to about the same temperature by the air-conditioning equipment and — by chance — by the same sultry weather as on July 17, 1996.

The cockpit crew members threw switches on their control panels at precisely the times that the T.W.A. crewmeo bad. But this time, about 150 sensors tracked temperatures, pressures and fuel/air ratios that had never been measured before. The re-enactment was a success in the sense that the plane reached the altitude at which the explosion occurred within 30 seconds of Flight 800's flight time.

What is spookiest is not the re-enactment itself, but that it may turn out to be the way of the future.

Most crash investigations end quickly, because of chues in the wreckage or information from the "black boxes," the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder. This month, at the National Transportation Safety Board's urging, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered airlines to upgrade their old black boxes, and manufacturers to put better ones on new planes. That should want to know what made Flight 800 blow up, killing all 230 people aboard.

#### Fear of Uncertainty

Public officials confronting other mysterious deaths could probably solve more than 230 of them with a budget of more than \$130,000 per death, which is what the safety board has committed so far. (The F.B.I. basn't said what it has spent, but it is probably more.) But cost is out a factor.

What counts is the fear of uncertainty. "This is a hard business, and it probably is only going to get harder," the chairman of Yet the explanations also tend to be increasingly complicated. Planes do not crash for simple reasons; years of learning from mistakes have made planes ever safer. That means each crash is caused by a rare combination of complex circumstances.

Future investigations may also be complicated because they involve new issues posed by aging aircraft, as the number of old planes grows. Age could be a factor in the crash of TWA 800, which was 25 years old, though there is no evidence so far.

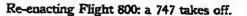
No matter what the cause, concern over the crash of Flight 800 is so widespread a year later that news organizations are conducting polls of the kind usually used in the New Hampshire primary. On the eve of the anniversary, Fox News said it had surveyed 901 registered voters and found that mechanthe Government always has the answer.

ical failure was the leading candidate in the public's mind, with a missile a strong second and a bomb lagging in third.

#### Frustration Upon High

The question also comes up at Presideotial appearances. President Clinton, asked about Flight 800 in a Rose Garden appearance on the anniversary, said he was frustrated "not to know 100 percent what caused that crash." Eventually, he might know. But the investigation has already consumed more than a year and is likely to take at least another. The Safety Board has spent nearly \$30 million — just housing the wreckage for two tion required the safety board to fly two airplanes in a re-enactment, a 737 plus a 727 of the kind that had crossed the USAir plane's path moments before the accident. To learn everything possible about another crash, of an American Eagle turboprop in Roselawn, Ind., in October 1994, the board flew one of those planes, an ATR-72, behind an Air Force tanker that sprayed it with water at high altitude to re-create icing.

The Transportation Department has committed the F.A.A. to a goal of zero accidents. But the way there could lead through even bigger crashes in the future. Difficult as it is to confront the crash of a lightly loaded 737 with "only" 230 people aboard, Mr. Hall said that the pressures on investigators and the efforts required will grow again. Plane manufacturers are working on plans, he said, for jets that could carry 1,000 passengers.



The Better Half Got the Worse End

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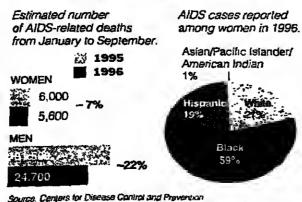
away from AIDS treatment, said Dr. Janet Mitchell, the head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn. "Communities of color tend to see Western medicine as an alternative and to see naturalistic, bolistic approaches as what they will try first," she said. "If that fails, then maybe they'll say, "Well, all right, Doc, I'll take your pills.""

In a sense, the AIDS gender gap reflects the history of women with AIDS, a history in which women have always lagged behind men. AIDS made its first appearance in the United States in 1981 in homosexual men, who are now reaping most of the benefits of early prevention and education efforts. It was not until several years later that women began turning up with AIDS in large numbers. Some experts aay it is to be expected that deaths in women will peak later in the epidemic.

Theresa McGovern, the legal director of the H.I.V. Law Project in Manhattan, bolds a different view. She blames the Federal Government for the disparity. "Ever since the beginning of this epidemic," she complained, "women bave been overlooked."

#### Women and AIDS

AIDS-related dealhs among women are not falling as sharply as those among men, and most women with AIDS are members of minoritias.



The New York Times

Ms. McGovern noted that it was not until 1993, after her group brought suit, that the Centers for Disease Control expanded its official list of AIDS-related illnesses to include ailments that are particular to women, such as cervical cancer and chronic yeast infections. And even now, many doctors fail to recognize these conditions as signs of H.LV. infection.

Moreover, it bas only been four years since the National Institutes of Health began permitting women of childbearing age to participate in the early phases of AIDS clinical trials. Today, women account for 16 percent of the patients in Government-financed AIDS studies, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

There are some efforts to close the AIDS gender gap. The Bristol-Myers Southb Foundation, the charitable arm of the pharmaceutical company, recently gave \$220,000 to the American Foundation for AIDS Research to establish the first national program to recruit and keep women in clinical trials. The foundation is giving the money to 12 community groups to study ways to overcome obstacles that keep women from enrolling in research, such as lack of day care or transportation. After new AIDS drugs take wide effect, the gender gap is going to get even bigger.

But Dr. Arthur Amman, who heads the AIDS research foundation, does not expect change in the numbers anytime soon. The statistics just released, he said, do not fully reflect the impact of protease inhibitors, the new drugs that have revolutionized AIDS treatment. "After we see the impact of the protease inhibitors," he said, "the gap is going to get even bigger."

Perhaps just as troubling as the new numbers, Dr. Amman and others say, is the false impression they have left with the public. "You are reading in the paper that the epidemic is over," said Ms. McGovern, the legal aid lawyer, "and yet we are still watching these women die."

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# The Nation







Gen. William Westmoreland, shown at a 1967 briefing, was accused of understating enemy strength.

Lieut. Col. Oliver L. North misled Coogress about arms sales to Iran.

Lieut. Kelly Flinn lied about a love affair.

# A Rigidly Flexible Notion of Truth

#### By ELAINE SCIOLINO

WASHINGTON HEN it comes to telling the truth, the American military draws a clear bright

Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, any person who knowingly deceives, signs any false record or makes "any other false official statement" will be "punished as a court-martial may direct."

The reason for such uncompromising harshness makes sense: a bond of trust between a commander and the troops is crucial to winning wars. The punishment for deception is much tougher for officers, who are held to a higher ethical standard than enlisted soldiers. Where civilian life accepts lying in the name of good manners, privacy and many other matters, the military feeis It cannot.

"On the battlefield people's lives are dependent on the word of others," said Maj. Lindsey E. Arnold, an Army chaplain and an expert on ethics. "The issues here are ones of life and death."

in the 1991 war against Iraq, a soldier falsified a report on whether a resupply route from Saudi Arabia into Iraq was free of mines. It wasn't, and an American officer was killed when a mine exploded.

But the immutable need to tell the truth on the battlefield clashes with the reality of peacetime. The military, it turns out, is ofteo as inclined as other employers to tolerate, encourage and sometimes require people to lie.

In matters of the heart, for example, military rules

encourage forms of deception. Unlike stealing and murder, fraternization and adultery are punishable only

when they disrupt good order and discipline. If an affair is discreet, it burts no one, the reasoning goes. Coocealmeot keeps ooe from becoming a criminal. The military does not seek out adulterers and fraternizers, and it is only when their activity is reported that an investigation is started and the accused is called upon to tell the truth.

The Air Force, which prosecutes adultery and fraternization more vigorously than the other services, says it is encountering more cases involving lying, which is a more serious charge than fraternization or adultery.

Take the case of First Lieut. Kelly Flinn, the first female B-52 pilot, who was charged with committing adultery with a civilian married to an enlisted airman, and other offenses. The adultery charge would have brought a maximum prison sectence of one year: her sworn statement that the relationship was "platonic" when it was oot could bave brought five years.

#### **Doing the Right Thing**

The case of Second Lieut. William R. Kite Jr., a security police supervisor, is even more dramatic. He was initially charged with two counts of fraternization, even though it involved only one woman, an enlisted airman who left the service and became his wife. He twice denied to his superiors that they were involved, but confronted with records of their telephone conversations, he coolessed. He was praised for doing the right thing and promptly charged with two instances of lying. The two fraternization charges could have carried a prison sentence of up to four years, the lying charges 10.

Lieuteoants Flinn and Kite received general discharges. Living a lie is the only way homosexuals can serve in

the military. Three weeks into his Presidency in 1993, President Clinton vowed to end the need for such lying. But that's not what happeoed. And despite recent court challenges, the current "Don't ask, don't tell" policy codifies the practice of deception that is anathema to the military code.

As a National Security Council aide, Lieut. Col. Oliver L. North was convicted in 1989 of three felony counts, including "alding and abetting" the Reagan Ad-

The military has good reasons never to tolerate lying. Except sometimes.

ministration's effort to deceive Congress when he wrote false chronologies about the arms-for-hostages initiative in Iran. A year later, a Federal appeals court threw out the convictions because his immunized testimony had been improperly used against him.

Telling less than the whole truth, purportedly in the interest of national security, does not carry the same stigma as lying to save one's skin."

During the Vietnam War, Gen. William C. Westmoreland and his aides were accused of deliberately giving falsely low estimates of the Vietcong's troop strength in

1967, in the months leading up to the Tet offensive. During the 1991 Gulf war, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of American troops, gave news briefings based on bomb damage assessments that many intelligence analysts disputed as far too optimistic. Both generals denied the accusations.

#### Lies of Omission

"Every profession develops a set of exceptions where it thinks it is all right to lie," said Sissela Bok, the author of the 1978 classic, "Lying" (Pantheon Books). "In the military the big exception bas to do with lying to the ecemy, and there it is sometimes justified. The trouble is that it involves lying to your own citizens as well."

Gen. Joseph Ralston of the Air Force, who was up for the job of Chairman of Joints Chiefs of Staff at the time of the Kelly Flinn imbroglio, was criticized for failing to inform Secretary of Defense William Cohen about an adulterous relationship he had 13 years before.

"General Ralston's so-called 'lies of omission' are more harmful to good order and discipline than any lies that any lieutenants tell regarding their sex lives," wrote Capt. Joseph E. Cazenavette, Lieuteoant Kite's lawyer. "Now with General Ralston continuing in his post despite his adultery and omissions, the existence of a double standard is ratified."

Before he withdrew from the running, General Ralston told Mr. Cohen he had tried to learn from his mistake. "Our armed forces are composed of burnan beings that strive to meet the highest standards every day," he said, "but f am acutely aware of human strengths and human frailties."

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It Worked in Watergate

# Playing the Immunity Card

#### By STEPHEN LABATON

#### WASHINGTON

FTER being granted immunity by Congress a geoeration ago and providing the extraordinary testimony that helped topple President Richard M. Nixon, John W. Dean 3d, his former White House counsel, spent lour months in Federal custody for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Now a new Coogressional committee investigating a different White House Is contemplating whether to confer immunity on John Huang, the former top Democratic fund-raiser and Government official. But most lawmakers assume Mr. Huang could oever be prosecuted if he testified as Mr. Dean was. That is because since Watergate, a Federal appeals court examining the Iran-contra case against Oliver L. North erected virtually insurmountable barriers to prosecutors who go

after witnesses immunized by Congress. Congress now grants immunity less often than in the days before the North decision. But an old tension between immunity and prosecution survives.

A legal concept first developed in 18th-century Britain, immunity in the United States is intended to protect the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination while still giving investigators the ability to gather evidence. It is the reverse of the Miranda warning, itself rooted in the Fifth Amendment: A witness granted immunity has no right to remain silent, but nothing that he says can be used against him.

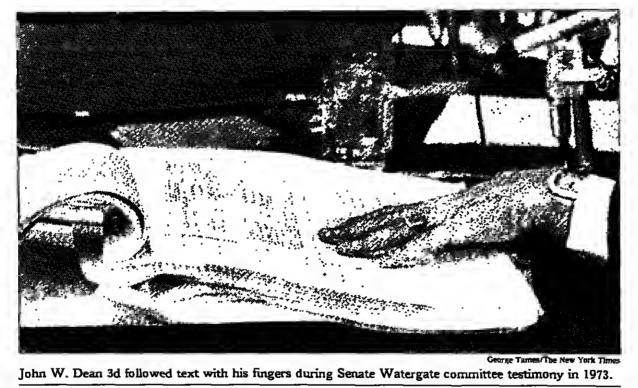
Congress passed the first immunity law in 1857 to force testimony of bribery and corruption in the House of Representatives over the disposal of public lands. Before long, criminals looked upon it as their get-out-ofjail card.

#### The courts have made Congress choose between fact-finding and prosecuting.

"For five years, rascals and scalawags of various stripes journeyed with celebrity to Congress to confess and thus receive an 'immunity bath' that cleansed them, if not of their sins, at least of legal culpability for crimes committed," wrole James Hamilton, a lawyer on the Senate Watergate committee, in his book "The Power to Probe" (Random House, 1976).

The current law was adopted in 1970 as part of the Omnibus Crime Control Act that the Justice Department proposed at a time when Mr. Dean was an aide to Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

Mr. Dean said he was willing to testify without immunity. But because the White House tapes had not yet surfaced and his testimony was sure to be challenged by Mr. Nixon's top aides, his lawyer, Charles N.



Shaffer, insisted he seek immunity.

Still, the Watergate committee's chief counsel, Sam Dash, was unwilling to accept Mr. Shaffer's versioo of Mr. Dean's testimony before recommending immunity, So Mr. Dash beld a series of 2 A.M. rendezyous with Mr. Dean.

These secret sessions, the two meo recounted in interviews last week, were to persuade Mr. Dash that Mr. Dean deserved immunity because he was a credible witness and because he had important, and incriminating, things to say about President Nixon. Under an unusual arrangement, Mr. Dash agreed that if the committee did not grant immunity, he would not use the information. The special prosecutor at the time, Archibald Cox, opposed granting immunity, fearing it would compromise his investigation and possible prosecutions.

In hindsight it is clear to the prosecutors and Congressional investigators of Walergate that the immunity conferred on 27 witnesses was essential.

#### Taking the Fifth

Yet that immunity did not prevent many of the targets from being convicted. In part, this was because many of Mr. Nixon's lieutenants, uncomfortable with the image of themselves taking the Fifth Amendment, never sought immunity.

During the Iran-contra hearings, many more White House aides invoked the Fifth. Eager to find a compelling witness and to hear Mr. North's account, the committee hastily granted him immunity without finding out

beforehand what he would say. That decision proved fatal to the prosecutors, who saw Mr. North's conviction reversed by a Federal appeals court.

#### Hobson's Choice

"The Fifth Amendment requires that the Government establish priorities before making the immunization decision," wrote Judges Laurence H. Silberman and David B. Sentelle, two of the most conservative Reagan appointees of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, as they accepted the argument of the American Civil Liberties Union and overturned the conviction of Mr. North. "The Government must occasionally decide which it values more: immunization (perhaps to discharge institutional duties, such as congressional fact-finding and information dissemination) or prosecution."

If the Government chooses immunity, the judges said, then it must understand that "it is taking a great chance that the witness cannot constitutionally be indicted or prosecuted."

Congress has granted immunity to more than 300 witnesses since 1970. But Mr. Dean said he never considered using his to avoid a conviction. "I tried to do the right thing, and to me that was to accept responsibility," he said. "It would be a pretty shallow victory to get off on a technicality as Ollie North did."

Mr. Dean says his lawyer still thinks he had good grounds to challenge the charges against him. "Charlie said to me a few years ago that we bad a much better case than Ollie North ever had," he said.

# Top 10 List As Mirror

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#### see suspects move and speak oo screen.

Mr. Cunanan, who seems to change his look with chameleonlike ease, can been seen on the World Wide Web at www.fbi.gov/mostwant/cuna.htm, where the suddenly famous image of the choirboy in short dark hair and wire-rimmed glasses seems jarringly at odds with the man with the blond buzz cut who glares from one of three "additional photos."

In recent years, the F.B.I.'s coocern with terrorism has prompted it to publicize its list abroad, relying on overseas newspapers and the Volce of America to translate news about the fugitives into other languages. Last month, the Top 10 became nine with the capture io Pakistan of Mir Amil Kansi after four years on the run as the suspect in the shooting deaths of two C.I.A. employees outside the agency's gates in 1993. (Officials said the \$2 million reward, rather than the wanted list, was pivotal in the arrest.)

#### Where the Money Was

Suspects like Mr. Kansi were nowhere to be found in 1950, when the list was first circulated to oewspapers, magazines and radio and TV stations. Back then the agency considered bank heists serious enough to make room on the list for Willie Sutton, who robbed banks because that's where the money was.

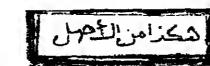
The 1960's brought a new era. The list reflected the preoccupation of the F.B.L Director, J. Edgar Hoover, with what he viewed as subversive political figures. In that decade black militant and antiwar radicals made it. to the top 10, including H. Rap Brown, Angela Davis, Bernadine Dohrn and Katherine Ann Power.

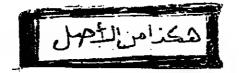
The list had its full complement in 1970 when Mr. Hoover was said to have ordered it expanded to 14 to include four men wanted in the fatal bombing at a University of Wisconsin mathematics research center affiliated with the military. One has oever been found.

Later, the country's widening concern about narcotics prompted the F.B.I. to place drug lords in the top 10, including Juan García Abrego, arrested last year." The most recent shift is the emphasis on terrorists. Prominent on the list now are the two men charged with planting the bomb aboard Pan Am Flight 103, which disintegrated in a fireball over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, killing 270 people.

Still, fugitives suspected of violent crimes occupy a secure niche. As an interstate fugitive and hence a Federal outlaw, Mr. Cunanan joined several others wanted in homicide-related offenses. (In general, homicide Itself is not a Federal crime unless the victim is a law-enforcement officer or Government employee.)

In past years, other well-known fugitive killers have made it on the list. The serial killer Theodore Bundy was on the list for five days in 1978. James Earl Ray, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, was on the list - twice. He was oo for two months as a fugitive in 1968 and again when he escaped for two days in 1977. As one Federal law enforcement official who has closely followed the top-10 list described it, "Homicide is one crime that is never out of fashion."





WEEKLY REVIEW

#### ECONOMY

# In a Scandal, Sears Reveals its Tougher Side

By BARNABY J. FEDER

THE JERUSALEM POST

CHICAGO ECAUSE a disabled, financially strapped Massachusetts fa-ther was desperate to keep a television set to entertain his children, Arthur C. Martinez faces a defining moment io his remarkable career as chairman and chief executive of Sears, Roebuck & Company.

The father, Francis M. Latanowich, overwhelmed by his monthly bills from Sears, turned for help last November to Carol Kenner, chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court in Boston. Judge Kenner wondered wby Sears was in contact with Mr. Latanowich, who bad gone through bankruptcy proceedings in 1996 that should have wiped clean his debts to the compa-

ny. Her astonishing conclusion: Sears had talked Mr. Latanowich into signing a new debt-collection contract that used threatening wording that it had been told in court was illegal in Massachusetts, and then, to avoid having the contract thrown out, had Ignored its obligation to file it with the bankruptcy court for review.

Further inquiries revealed that Sears had been doing much the same with other debtors. It had routinely skipped filing such contracts in some areas as far back as 1985, and since 1992 it had collected up to \$160 million without judiclal oversight. Sears looked the bankruptcy laws

straight in the eye and defied them," said Jay Westbrook, an expert on bankruptcy law at the University of Texas.

For Mr. Martimez, who says he learned of the illegal activity in March, the revelations came as a bitter surprise. Nearly five years earlier, he had arrived at Sears headquarters in Hoffman Estates, Ill., with a mission to revive a corporate dinosaur. Sears's aging stores and beloved but outdated catalogue were performing so weakly that the retailer was getting nearly all of its profits from the finance charges paid by Its 38 million credit-card customers. And, just mooths before he took the job, the company's reputation and sales had been battered by disclosures that some of its auto-service centers had routinely bilked custom- .

ers by performing unnecessary repairs. Mr. Martinez proceeded to pull off one of the great corporate turnarounds of modern history, through

cost cutting, sharper marketing and improved efficiency. Profits soared, Sears's stock roughly quadrupled and he became a bero on Wall Street

Through it all, Mr. Martinez was working hard to put his stamp on Sears's corporate culture, starting with a "zero tolerance" policy for ethical lapses. Now, figuring out why

Sears went so wroog despite those efforts - and how to respond to the scandal - has emerged as the greatest challenge yet to his image as a leader. There is no evidence that the vast

majority of Sears customers care about what Mr. Martinez quickly branded "a black eye" and "a clear failure" growing out of bad advice from the company's own legal department. One survey showed that fewer than 2 percent were even vaguely aware of the scandal. In sharp contrast to the aftermath of the auto-service fraud, sales bave continued to climb steadily since the news broke, rising 7.1 percent in the second quarter of this year at domestic stores.

Eveo so, Mr. Martinez resisted any temptation to play down his employees' behavior or to stonewall potential adversaries. Sears moved quickly this spring to research and expose the scope of the transgressions to governmeot and private lawyers investigating or suing the company. Sears also retained two respected bankruptcy lawyers, Prof. Lawrence King of New York University Law School and Richardo I. Kilpatrick, who has a private practice in Michigan, to review and overhaul the company's collectioo practices.

Even though Mr. Martinez dld not agree with critics that Sears had been systematically overaggressive in pursuing or threatening creditors, he quickly offered an unexpectedly generous settlement plan for potential claims. Tens of thousands of formerly bankrupt consumers were promised not just debt relief and cash repayments with interest but also \$100 certificates toward new Sears merchandise, a sweetener later replaced with a cash bonus. That pre-empted potentially drawn-out confrontations with the Federal Trade Commission, state attorneys general and plaintiffs' lawyers.

N July 17, Sears took a \$475 million pretax write-off against second-quarter earnings to cover the costs of the proposed settlement, which is scheduled to be presented for court approval this fall after lawyers finish reviewing Sears's records. The stock, which tumbled almost 10 percent, to \$46, when the scandal broke in April, closed on Friday at \$58.25.

'There's not a dollar's worth of profit worth having if it compromises your integritiy," Mr. Martinez sald.

tuted new compliance procedures for all its businesses, had beefed up education programs and had reminded es about an ethics hot line I em that lets them raise questions anonymously about misconduct that they see or suspect. Wall Street is taking all this as yet more evidence that Mr. Martinez deserves his executive stardom. "I give bim an A-plus for how be's handled It," said Bernard Sosnick, a retail industry analyst at Genesis Merchant Group Securities in New York, who has followed Sears since the 1960's. But for all the kudos he has won, the crisls is far from over. For while Mr. Martinez has reassured investors, he and his top managers have barely begun to assign responsibility and mete out discipline internally. The way that is done could affect the company's culture and morale for years to come The questions concern not just who gave faulty advice but which employees participated in illegal activity and which managers knew about the wrongdoing but falled to intervene - and for that matter, which managers should have known but didn't. The final answers may not be comfortable for some of Sears's most senior executives, including Michael C. Levio, the chief corporate counsel since 1995, and Jane Thompson, a highly regarded protege of Mr. Martinez who ran the credit operations from 1993 until early last year. So far, most of the blame seems to have landed on Emma G. Scott, a 44-yearold assistant general counsel, who had direct legal oversight of the collection system. She has been put on leave and has retained Joseph Duffy, a noted Chicago lawyer, as her pri-



Arthur C. Martinez found the company caught in a new scandal.

policies but also by a Department of

Justice investigation into whether its

debt-collection activities violated

criminal laws. (Its proposed settle-

ment is aimed at satisfying claims

that it violated civil laws.) When

Judge Kenner asked a Sears lawyer

at a settlemeot hearing in June why

Sears ever began its illegal activity,

she was told that any public com-

ment could interfere with negotia-

tions with the Justice Department.

And on Thursday, Mr. Martinez

said that although Sears had already

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With so many forums for identify-

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nor the incentive to probe deeply into

the credit operations that appeared

"It's clear, though, that there are

facts."

vate counsel, lawyers involved in the affair say.

But how central Ms. Scott was to the scandal is very much in doubt. She did not even join Sears until 1990 well after many of the questionable activities apparently began. An outgoing woman who appeared in many industry forums and joined the board of the American Bankruptcy Instltute, the bankruptcy bar's equivalent of a trade group, Ms. Scott is widely seen in the bankruptcy bar as an unlikely mastermind.

'The whole idea that it was Emma Scott's flawed judgment is a joke," said one outside lawyer involved in the litigation, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. And some colleagues among the 53 lawyers at Sears headquarters also wonder whether Ms. Scott and their department in general may be made scapegoats.

"It is interesting how the company has shifted blame to the law department," one Sears lawyer said. "Jane Thompson headed the business,"

Two missing pieces of the puzzle to outsiders are how Ms. Scott viewed Sears's credit-collection practices and whether she relayed her thoughts to her bosses. She has not appeared at any public legal functions since April and could not be reached for comment, despite various attempts. Mr. Duffy said he could not commeot or even confirm that Ms. Scott is his client, Ms. Thompson, who now heads Sears's rapidly expanding home repair division, has declined through a company spokeswoman to comment on ber former job.

N sorting out individual respoosibility, Mr. Martinez will also have ruptcy affecting it. Typically, it sought to negotiate new credit agreements, known as reaffirmations, so that debtors would continue to bold active Sears accounts and make payments for goods bought prior to bankruptcy -- including accumulated interest and late-payment penal-

Without such an agreement, Sears's only recourse for nonpayment would be to go to court to try to repossess the goods - and even that is allowed only for appliances and other substantial items in which retailers are allowed to retaio a "secured" interest when they sell them on credit. With reaffirmation, a debtor becomes personally liable just as if he had never been through bankruptcy, and Sears or any other creditor with such a contract can go after other sources of wealth, like wages, to get payment.

In retrospect, Sears's reaffirmation rate of nearly 40 percent — far bigher than that of any other large retail credit issuer - should have had senior officials at headquarters on edge. It had raised eyebrows elsewhere in the credit iodustry, where criticism bad been growing about reaffirmation practices from judges and bankruptcy lawyers on hoth sides of the fence.

"Sears always beat its chest about being the leader in reaffirmation," said William Weinstein, a Seattle lawyer who said he feared that a few "bad actors" would rob other creditors of the reaffirmation tool. Reaffirmation critics have attacked not just the aggressive pursuit of debtors but also the willingness of many debtors' lawyers and lax judges to allow or even encourage consumers to sign burdensome reaffirmations rather than invite confrontations that would drag out the bankruptcy

Sears's credit jewel began cracking in Massachusetts in 1995, when Judge William C. Hillman of Federal Bankruptcy Court ruled that the reaffirmation letter Sears was using included illegally threatening language. Sears continued to use the form, bowever, but stopped filing agreements with Judge Hillman and his colleagues in Boston, a clear vlolation of the law.

That came to light after Mr. Latanowich, a resident of the Bostoo suburb, of Somerville living on a. monthly Social Security check of \$518, complained to Judge Kenner in a hand-scrawled note that his payments to Sears to keep his televisioo and car battery were making it impossible for him to feed his children.



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to coofront the broader questions all companies face during corporate scandals. For instance, did Sears's corporate culture and compensation systems seduce loyal, well-intentioned employees into unwise or simply illegal behavior? And if so, wbat Is to be done?

"It's a very complicated hand to play," said David Messick, an ethics professor at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern who uses the way that Sears handled the auto-fraud scandal as a case study on how oot to respond to a public-relations crisis. "My guess is that they are facing the gamut from technical mistakes that did not really hurt anybody to clear ethical abuses in how they treated some debtors. There is an important issue of how much forgiveness is built into a corporate culture. You want to root out immoral activity because it's wrong and it's bad for business. On the other hand, you need room for honest errors. It often hinges on making very subtle judgmeots about the state of people's minds.'

In the end, Mr. Martinez will bave to choose between unpalatable alteroatives: Either publicly identify and punisb all the people responsible, and risk the appearance of vindictiveness - and worse, the possibility of lawsuits - or take action privately and risk creating suspicions of a whitewash or favoritism.

So far, he has said, Sears will keep to its traditional course of keeping all disciplinary actions as private as possible.

Sears says its leeway to go public is constrained not only by its internal

The average balance of the company's 38 million credit customers topped \$800, roughly quadruple that of rivals like J.C. Penney, and though bad debt write-offs ran to hundreds of millions of dollars annually, the operation's profits were far higher.

Things seemed only to get better after Mr. Martinez gave the job of running the credit business in early 1993 to Ms. Thompson, an ambitious former McKinsey & Company coosultant. She had joined Sears as vice president for planning in 1988 and had become one of Mr. Martinez's inner circle of subordinates while working on tough assignments like the decision to close down the moneylosing but beloved Sears catalogue. Ms. Thomoson hit a strategic home run by lowering credit standards, adding more than 17 million new customers by the end of 1995 and bolstering the credit group's oet income by 45 percent, to an estimated \$593 million, according to Edward Weller, a retail industry analyst at Robertson Stephens & Company. And that strong performance continued uoder Steven Goldstein, a former American Express Company executive recruited to succeed Ms. Thompson after she moved to head Sears's new home-repair division early last year.

The company's credit operations were so huge that Sears could afford to pay much closer attention than other retailers to the small but growing percentage of consumers who were going bankrupt each year. Unlike any other retailer, Sears routinely appeared in virtually every bank-

HE SUDSED vent dedt-collectio scandal at Sears, the oation's largest retail credit card issuer, immediately focused attention on the credit practices of other retailers. Two, May Department Stores and Montgomery Ward, have recently been hit with class action lawsuits

ver their reaffirmatioo practices. Federated Department Stores, realizing that it, too, had a problem, mounted a pre-emptive strike. "Immediately after hearing about Sears, we investigated our practices," said Carol Sanger, a Federated spokeswoman. It discovered that 17 percent of the 17,000 reaffirmations collected since 1990 had not been filed with courts, she said, so it devised a plan to send refunds totaling \$4.3 million to the 3,000 people affected. "The cbecks are going out this month." Ms. Sanger said.

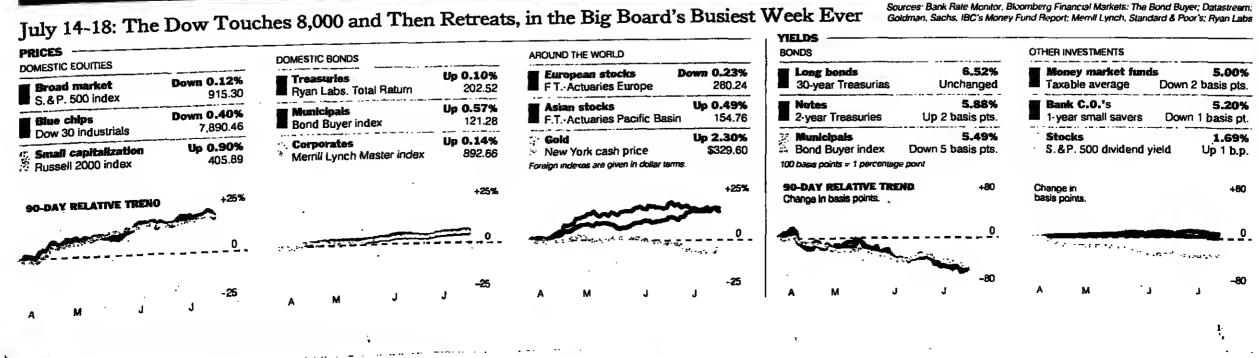
There is also likely to be fallout this fall in Washingtoo wheo Congress is scheduled to consider possible amendments to the bankruptcy law. This harder side of Sears bas become Exhibit A for critics who say it is too easy for creditors to bully debtors - especially those without legal help — into giving up their right to a fresh start.

Leading credit-card Issuers like Visa International and lawyers who work with them respond that Sears is an aberration. They say currect bankruptcy law already makes it too easy for some 1.1 millioo Americans a year to declare bankruptcy. Fraud is on the rise, they contend, and any new curbs on their ability to bargain with debtors would only make things worse.

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets, exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

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Sources: Bank Rate Monitor, Bloomberg Financial Markets: The Bond Buyer; Datastream Goldman, Sachs, IBC's Money Fund Report; Merrill Lynch, Standard & Poor's; Ryan Labs



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#### THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1997

# The New York Times

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# Shouldn't Lawyers at Least Aspire to Civility?

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# The Riady Breach

Much still remains unknown about the Riady family of Indonesia, its links to China and its involvement in Bill Clinton's 1996 Presidential campaign. But more than enough information has now been assembled by Senate investigators to see that the Riady role in the campaign is a case study in the uncontrolled uses of tainted money in American politics. Anyone who doubts the urgent need to tighten campaign finance laws, especially those governing "soft money" donations to party organizations, need only look closely at the Riady example.

More than \$1 million bas now been traced from the Riady family to the Democrats through various entities, some of them clearly shell companies with scant American assets. Nearly two-thirds of the foreign-related money returned by the Democrats came from this one family's interests. In addition, the Riady family and its retainers waged a marathon lobbying campaign to get their colleague, John Huang, transferred to the Democratic National Committee, where he could tap into Asian and Asian-American sources.

Among those pressing for the hiring of Mr. Huang were James Riady, an Indonesian citizen who holds an American green card, and Joseph Giroir, a Riady lobbyist who is a former law partner of Hillary Clinton. Arkansas provides the main link between the Clintons and the Riadys because it was in Little Rock that the Indonesia-based group set up its American operations when Mr. Clinton was the Governor, Once in the Administration, Mr. Huang kept in constant touch with his former employer by using a nearby office at Stephens Inc., a politically connected Arkansas investment company.

Senator Fred Thompsoo and other Republicans have repeatedly suggested that Mr. Huang was a conduit for Chinese money aimed at influencing the American election. Once placed in sensitive posi-

# Dog Days Indeed

Pit bulls have been getting more than their share of headlines in New York this summer. An elderly man died from a heart attack while trying to protect his pet schnauzer from a pit bull who slipped its chain. A teen-ager fell to his death from a roof, apparently while fleeing from a neighbor's scary dog. Housing Authority officials say a girl was badly mauled by a neighbor's pit bull.

tions in the Administration and the re-election campaign, Mr. Huang, they suggest, may bave passed secrets oo to the Riady group and possibly China. Republicans note that Mr. Huang made frequent calls to the Far East and had contacts with the Chinese and other embassies, much to the surprise of one of his superiors at the department.

In Jakarta last week, James Riady told The Wall Street Journal that his ties to China involved "business, pure business." That may be so. Whether China was itself the source of foreign campaign contributions and whether Mr. Huang was engaging in espionage remain central questions for the Thompson committee. Some of the mystery about China's role may be cleared up now that the Senate Intelligence Committee has wisely offered to review the intelligence record and make a public report.

While those questions are explored, it is already clear that Mr. Huang was put in positions for which he was unqualified simply because he was a prodigious fund-raiser. The White House and Democratic Party then deliberately looked the other way when he went about raising money illegally. But at the same time, neither the Republican nor the Democratic committee has the capacity to audit the bank accounts of donors. Absent that power, there is no sure way to tell whether ostensibly legitimate donors are laundering funds from abroad.

In the end, the only way to prevent foreign funds from influencing American elections is to ban unlimited soft-money contributioos to the parties. These cootributions have no purpose except avoidance of the ceilings on donations to candidates eoacted after the Watergate scandal.

The Riadys and Mr. Huang were able to abuse the system because the present one invites abuse. As Congress determines what happened last year, it should also lay the groundwork for legislation to prevent it from happening again.

dogs brought in because of attack bites are pit bulls.

Ideally, all animal regulations should be applied across the board. But given the limited space at city animal shelters, police and animal workers must be selective in the dogs they target for license checks. The city says its police canine squad will concentrate on pit bulls with signs of being bred for fighting - scars, choke collars, aggressive behavTo the Editor: It is tiring to hear the childish complaints by lawyers about having to do what is right when other people - doctors, taxi drivers, maitre d's don't have to ("I'm Paid to Be Rude," Op-Ed, July 17). Raoul Lionel Felder is correct that the incivility of lawyers reflects increasing incivility io society generally. But why shouldn't lawyers lead rather than follow? Mr. Felder criticizes the civility

code for lawyers recently proposed by Judith S. Kaye, New York State's chief judge. New York is not the first jurisdiction to propose or adopt such voluntary standards. Yet, does it make sense to have a civility code if there are no penalties for violating it? There is something to be said for aspiring to civility. For lawyers with such tendencies, the code validates their instincts and offers a response to clients seeking scorch-the-earth tactics from their hired guns. Over time the culture of the legal professlon may change for the better.

By the way, Mr. Felder seems unaware that the New York Taxi and Limousine Commission already has adopted civility standards for its drivers. MARJORIE A. SILVER New York, July 17, 1997

The writer is a professor of law at the Touro Law Center.

#### Tired of the Bombast To the Editor:

To the Editor:

#### Raoul Lionel Felder (Op-Ed, July 17) is in serious denial if he claims there is no problem in the way New York lawyers handle themselves. I was a solo litigator for 10 years. I

"Dieting Dangerously" (Op-Ed,

July 14) is thin on fact. According to

Richard Klein, the "real problem is

that doctors see obesity as an epi-

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Elk Grove Village, Ill., July 14, 1997

The writer is director of cooking.

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left the practice in 1990, largely because of the table pounding, lies and bombast of many of my adversaries. 1 found that about one in four litigators follows the rule, "If you don't have the facts or the law oo your side, attack the other lawyer personally."

Since 1990 1 have been an executive in the software industry - a profession both more courteous and more creative than the practice of JONATHAN WALLACE law.

Brooklyn, July 17, 1997

#### Dialing the Doctor

To the Editor: Raoul Lionel Felder (Op-Ed, July 17) asks, "If the civility police insist on monitoring grown-up professionals, why oot first adopt a code for doctors who do not return calls to patients who are ill or waiting for medical test results?"

Such codes already exist. Unlike lawyers, doctors do not receive compensation for time spent on the telephone, yet they are bound morally, ethically and legally to return calls to their patients. If Mr. Feider's doctor does not return his call, he can choose another doctor or complain to the state's medical society, or he can sue his doctor in court for negligence and CHI-MAN LO, M.D. abandonment. Scarsdale, N.Y., July 17, 1997

#### Public Doesn't Care

To the Editor:

Don't Blame Pill-Pushing Doctors for Mania Over Dieting

Raoul Lionel Felder (Op-Ed, July 17), a divorce lawyer, writes that a proposed code of civility will not remedy the suffering reputation of

lawyers. He is correct when he says that the public cares little, if at all, how lawyers treat their adversaries. But the public should care how lawyers perform. To improve their withering reputation, lawyers must im-. prove their integrity and quality of PETER SIVIGLIA performance. New York, July 17, 1997

The writer is a lawyer.

### Judges Have a Code

To the Editor: When New York State's chief administrative judge recently promulgated standards for judges that included courtesy and work-ethics accountability, no hue and cry erupted from the legal fraternity. Now, when Judith S. Kaye, the state's top judge, proposes a comparable code for lawyers, Raoul Lionel Felder chafes (Op-Ed, July 17). MATTHEW KAPLOWITZ

Look to the British

Raoul Lionel Felder (Op-Ed, July 17) personifies the reasons that lawyers have a poor reputation. By establishing precedent, lawyers in court argue for all of us, to some extent, not just for their clients.

Alien as the British courtroom tradition, with its wigs and jargon, may seem to Americans, it does remind the participants of the gravity and dignity of the occasion. Dignity: now that's a word the American Bar Association would do well to instill in its PETER SCHMIDT members. Ithaca, N.Y., July 17, 1997

New York, July 17, 1997 To the Editor:

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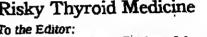
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The writer is an endocrinologist.

#### To the Editor:

young Boston Ballet Gancer. (Arts ..... pages, July 16) to to the distance in the I was a member of the Boston Ballet death does not surprise me because of the culture on which the ballet world is built. Many dancers, including myself, have gone to terrible lengths to maintain the requisite waif look. f was



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It neglects cigarettes, however, and the many who smoked for years because it was a proven alternative obesity would become a treatable dis-. to eating.

The real villain is the notion that only perfect bodies are acceptable. Women, and to a lesser extent men, will always be willing to risk their lives and well-being for any hope of You state (Week in Review, July

**Ballet's Waif Culture** 

Re the death of Heldi Guenther, a

from 1987 to 1993. Ms. Guenther's never aware of any support services offered by the ballet.

**Risky Thyroid Medicine** To the Editor:

Both the Giuliani administration and the Housing Authority are preparing to launch anti-pit bull initiatives. Pit bulls on the streets - even leashed without licenses will be taken to one of the city's animal shelters. There, owners will bave 48 hours to make them legal before the city has the right to euthanize them. For its part, the Housing Authority intends to evict pit bulls and other "vicious and menacing animals."

Animal rights advocates correctly point out that many pit bulls are gentle family pets, while some spaniels and Chihuahuas have the temperament of a velociraptor. The difference is that pit bulls have the ability to carry out their worst intentions, thanks to their extremely powerful jaws.

In New York, a disproportionate number of pit bulls are reared to be attack dogs. The Giuliani administratioo says pit bulls represent only 4 percent of the licensed dogs in the city but are responsible for a third of all reported dog bites. The city's largest animal shelter says 40 percent of the

ior. That seems like a necessary compromise on the streets. But the Housing Authority should enforce its rules prohibiting all dogs, with exceptions for senior citizen housing and tenants whose doctors state in writing that they need animal companiooship for health reasons. While it is unfortunate to deprive families of the chance to have pets, that seems the only reasonable alternative given the overcrowding in the projects and the difficulty in evicting disruptive animals without an overall ban.

Regulating animals is critical in a crowded city but difficult because of the emotions pet issues

raise. The Mayor and the Housing Authority should be congratulated for tackling the problem head on. Other politicians who pander to pet owners without coosidering human safety should be rebuked, beginning with the members of Congress who are attempting to pass legislation giving all families in federally funded housing the right to keep pets. Such a rule might work well in some cities and projects, but it would be a disaster for New York.

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To the Editor: "The Fearful Price of Getting

Thin" (Week in Review, July 13)

true happiness: the perfect body. The incidence of anorexia and bulimla shows this problem will be with us a long time if we don't change our attitudes. DONNA MOOG St. Louis, July 13, 1997

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#### Democrats Lead the Way on Campaign Reform

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To the Editor: Re "Open the China File" and 'Sketching the Money Machine" (editorials, July 16 and 17):

1 was deeply disturbed by how you characterized the approach of the Democratic National Committee and the White House toward the campaign finance hearings as a "whoops-sorry-about-that" defense. The Democratic Party's highest priority is to go beyood what is merely required in complying with all Federal election rules.

When allegations surfaced last fall

#### Woolworth's Counters Symbolized Segregation

#### To the Editor:

Perhaps the front-page photo-graph of a Woolworth lunch counter in 1954 was intended to conjure up warm feelings of nostalgia ("Woolworth Gives Up on the Five-and-Dime," July 18).

But for many of us the lunch counters of the Woolworth chain, which has announced that it will close its remaining 400 stores, are a symbol of an era when African-Americans were denied the simple pleasure of a cup of coffee or a grilled cheese sandwich.

In 1960, four students from the predominantly black North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College challenged the Jim Crow custom at a Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, setting off a chain of protests across the state.

If the lunch counters are a symbol of anything positive, It is their inglorious role in a movement that eventually changed America for the better ELAINE RAY

Palo Alto, Calif., July 18, 1997

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The least we can do for those who give their bodies, hearts and minds to lifting us up through their art Is to not demand that they give their lives away as well HEWAN TOMLINSON Washington, July 16, 1997

> Managed Care Slows Medical Research

#### To the Editor:

Consumers seem to be having second thoughts about the effects of managed care, as reflected by the large number of proposals in the California Legislature for tighter. government regulation (front page, July 14).

new procedures, including a policy of The health-care delivery system not accepting any contribution of and its uncontrolled costs are badly more than \$200 unless the address, in need of reform, However, academoccupation and employer of the doic medical institutions are being disnor is provided or can be identified. proportionately affected. Market-This goes well beyond current Feddriven managed care is having a eral Election Commission rules that devastating effect on the country's simply require parties to use their biomedical training and research in-"best efforts" to obtain this informa-Irastructure. An article in the July 16 tion. When we file our next report to Journal of the American Medical Asthe commission later this mooth, we sociation describes a study that will make all contributor informafound a reduced rate of research at. tion available to the public in elecinstitutions in states with the most people in managed care. We have repeatedly asked the Republican National Committee to join

These consequences of managed. care - a decrease in the quality of bealth care and the pace of scientific discovery - may not be seen immediately, but they will become evident. 5 or 10 years down the road. If managed care continues in its current fashion, our leadership in medical training and research will be vulnerable. By the time this is apparent to the American people, it will be too JEFFREY A. LIEBERMAN, M.D. late. Chapel Hill, N.C., July 18, 1997

Democratic National Committee The writer is vice chairman of the Washington, July 18, 1997 department of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### Stealth Art

To the Editor: The impasse over financing for the National Endowment for the Arts (news article, July 16) calls for an innovative solution. In April our arts group, the Seattle-based N.E.A. Army, submitted a grant proposal to the endowment requesting all of its current budget of \$99.5 million to purchase the maximum possible portion of a B-2 Stealth bomber: We propose to plant this one-twentieth of an airplane on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., next to a plaque that reads "Priorities." - TIM GIERE Seattle, July 16, 1997

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#### The World Resurrects Che In Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala and El Salvador, to

Thirty years after his assassination in the Bolivian mounlains, Ernesto (Che) Guevara has captured the public fancy in ways he never intended. At least

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three biographies and several movies about Che will come out this year. The silk-screen Che icon with beard and beret now hawks compact discs, beer, Swatch watches, skis, designer dresses and a bost of other products not traditionally associated with international Communism. Scientists have now found his body, one of seven skeletons in a pit in Bolivia, and brought it to Cuba.

What would a Che alive today make of all this? He might not approve of the more crass commercialization of his name and image, but if the ideological migrations of his comrades are any indication, he would be firmly in the capitalist camp. Unlike his body, Che's politics remain entombed. Armed, leftist revolution is today found only in Cuba, and in a few violent but tiny bands in Colombia, Peru and now Mexico.

In Europe and the United States, Che's image owes its commercial appeal to the absence of political content. Yuppies who would never have worn a Che T-shirt when it could have been taken seriously now find Commiekitsch hip and ironic. In Latin America, many still admire what they see as Che's Idealism. While he was capable of great brutality, to them he was also uncorrupted by power, happler suffering in his disastrous attempts to foment revolution in the jungles of the Congo or Bolivia than as a bureaucrat in Havana.

But his politics are long gone. The old leftist revolutionaries are now closer to European-style capitalism than anything Che ever preached. Chileans reacted with amusement a few years ago when Carlos Ominami, Economy Minister of the democratic Government that came to power in 1990, proudly announced a record year of foreign investment. Foreign capital was Mr. Ominami's enemy when he was a guerrilla of the Leftist Revolutionary Movement two decades earlier. Chile's revolutionaries are now largely social democrats, as are the vast majority of Latin America's former guerrillas.

But the Latin Left Prefers Helmut Kohl

parties, some of which are now indistinguishable from the competition. The Sandinistas in Nicaragua ran in last year's elections on a free-market platform. In Argeolina

and Uruguay, survivors of guerrilla groups decimated by death squads oow support social democratic political movements. All these groups advocate a version of what Jorge Casteñeda, a Mexican political scientist, calls "Rhineland capitalism" - the welfare state, strong unions and high tax burden of Germany today.

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The guerrillas have been transformed by time. Middle-class kids are revolutionaries at 20. Middle-class men of 50 are anything but. There is oo oew generation to succeed them because Latin America, too, has changed. The military dictatorships most of the guerrillas battled gave way to nominal democracy in the 1980's. Even before the Soviet Union collapsed, depriving the armed left of weapons, cash and ideological backing, revolution had proved unsustainable except through the intense repression of Cuba, a model that gave many leftists pause. Since the 1960's, both left and right in Latin America have converged on the goal of what revolutionaries once scornfully derided as bourgeois democracy.

That goal is not yet within sight. While the left's solutions to Latin American poverty and injustice have changed, by many measures the problems are worse today than when Che died. Although the poor form a smaller percentage of the population of Latin America than they did, there are 50 million more Latins living in poverty now than in 1965. The Mexican minimum wage, earned by 17 million people, buys a quarter of what It bought 20 years ago. All that Western Europeans enjoy - like a living wage, the rule of law, access to justice, schools and hospitals - seems as fantastical to most Latins as any revolution Che Guevara ever dreamed up. TINA ROSENBERG

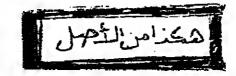


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A "dmp," in spookspeak, is a clandestine place to deposit and receive documents. A "dead drop" can be a hole in a tree; an ordinary drop can be an office or friend's house where an operative can leave or pick up data without the knowledge of employer or family.

John Huang's drop was cooveniently across the street from his Government office. It was a room in a suite rented by Stephens Inc., part of the Little Rock financial empire fmm which flowed the millions in loans that saved the 1992 Clinton campaign. The Riady family of Indonesia, whose Lippo Group put Huang in a top-secret spot in the Clintoo Administration, did a lot of business with Jackson Stephens.

At informative Thompson commit-tee hearings last week, we learned that Huang, Lippo's man at Clinton Commerce, received a call on the average of twice a week fmm a secretary at the Stephens dmp who was instructed not to leave her boss's name. Huang would then cross the street to pick up and send express

#### Huang's home away from home.

packages and use the Stephens phone. We know that Huang spoke to former Lippo associates at least 237 times in his 14 months at his sensitive trade post. "That number troubles me," said Seoator Joseph Lieberman. The Connecticut Democrat was further tmubled to learn that "the 237 do not include any calls made from the visitors' office at Stephens Inc."

Hard evidence that Huang spoke to the Lippo conduit to China practically every day came on top of testimony from a security-unconscious C.I.A. that Huang (whose 67 visits to the Clinton White House and 6 to the Chinese Embassy set a world record for mid-level bureaucrats) was shown raw intelligence, data on 37 occasions by his persooal C.I.A. "briefer."

This included a top-secret assess-meot of the leadersbip succession in China from a U.S. ageot whose life would be forfeited If the raw data blew his cover. How would you like to be a C.l.A. ageot in the field whose unfil-

warped our memory, it was only a couple of years ago that Americans were so mad at Washington there could have been a new Congressional election every month. Today, the cry of "throw the burns out" is seldom heard, and the people storming the ramparts of the Copitol

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are mostly the usual suspects looking to cut the usual deals. John Huang had ties to a company with ties to the Chinese Government while raising millions of dollars for the Democrats? The loyalists whom Newt Gingrich had taken to his bosom tried to ace him out? What does any of this have to do with the price of a double-decaf iced mocha latte?

The reason for this complacency, according to the polls, is that most Americans believe the country as a whole and they themselves are better off than at any time since who knows when. But boredom with government is a threat to the people's long-term interests, including people who make a living saying things like. "boredom with government is a... threat to the people's long-term interests" - the experts; pundits, gurus and others known collectively as

A few leading commentators and get serious. Here are their respons-

among voters; combine that feeling with the underlying cynicism about politics, and it is no wonder that, outside the Beltway, events in Washnless the heat has

> Trent Lott, have found ways to cut deals to make modest changes that steer the nation in the right direction. Their ability to keep the process on track has been admirable, but it is plenty tenuous. The very lack of outside threat or internal crisis leaves a vacuum that has been filled by often vicious partisan bickering and ideological warfare that could, if unchecked, poison the atmosphere enough to make further compromise and action Impossible.

> "So what?" you ask. Times will not always be good. If we continue to make small but tangible progress in areas from Medicare reform to expanding free trade to campaign finance reform, we can prevent pain and dislocation down the road when we can least afford it.

David Gergen is editor at large of U.S. News & World Report, People are so bored with Washing-;

ton, says my friend Mark Shields, that they are turning off C-SPAN in favor of the Weather Channel. True enough, but there's much about our long-term future that needs attention

Beyond the obvious lack of nerve in reforming Social Security and to insure at least six million children with good benefits.

The Senate plan is partly financed by a 20-cent tobacco tax that would curb teen-age smoking and save hundreds of thousands of lives. The inferior House plan leaves the door open for special interests to raid the child health fund and gives no assurance that a single child will actually receive coverage.

Every American must speak out for our children's health so that special interests like Big Tobacco are not the only voices our lawmakers hear.

Lynne Cheney is former chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

One reason that people outside the Beltway should care about what's going on there is that Washington can render state efforts moot. Consider "whole math" instruction, which has been making its way into schools for several years. The idea is that mathematics is a natural activity that students will invent procedures for if only they are given mathematically rich problems to solve.

Parents concerned that this idea will prove destructive are working to be sure that states require instructioa in basic skills. They've made headway, but the Administration could reverse it. The national math test for eighth graders being planned for 1999 could easily overwhelm state efforts, and It is being shaped entirely by advocates of the "whole math" appmach.

other peaks of the money culture the record-setting Dow and the economists' announcement of the end of the business cycle. When (and if) the bubble pops, voters will get involved with a vengeance.

Michael Mandelbaum is the author of "NATO Exponsion: A Bridge to the Nineteenth Century." As Poland, Hungary and the Czech

Republic received invitations to enter NATO, and American officials assured Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania that they, too, could join, one feature of NATO expansion received less attention than It deserves: the price tag for Americans.

Upgrading the military establishments of the new members and sending Western troops to the territories of the three Baltic countries to protect them from their buge neighbor, Russia, could cost hundreds of billions of dollars. The new members cannot pay; the Western Europeans will not pay.

So Americans would foot the bill, requiring higher taxes, less, social spending, abandoning a balanced budget, or all three. All Americans should care about that.

Zbigniew Brzezinski was national security adviser to President Jimmy Carter, Three issues deserve public atten-

tion; each, if mismanaged, could af-

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the Beltway insiders.

others were asked to explain once again just why all good citizens must

ington are even less compelling than they were in the halcyon days of cold war tension and economic turmoil. The benign neglect of Washington has been fed by a sense that President Clinton, Speaker Newt Gingricb and the Senate majority leader,

es:

Ralph Nader is the author of "No Contest: Corporate Lawyers and the Perversion of Justice in America." Strange, iso't it, that thousands of

corporate lobbyists are actually excited about what is going on in Washington. For they are pushing legislation to limit or eliminate their liability for their corporate crime, fraud and abuse against citizens and investors whom they injure. These corporate interests use Orwellian language to call their bills "tort re-form," "securities reform," "regulatory reform" and "banking reform."

Should these measures pass, you will pay more and have less recourse to justice, and bealth and safety standards will be weaker and less vigorously enforced.

On another front, more of your tax dollars will go to buge corporate welfare programs and giveaways (\$70 billion worth of public airwaves to existing TV broadcasters, for instance) if people do not back the politicians - both liberals and conservatives - who are fighting in Congress to end these boondoggles. Stay bored and government becomes more of an instrumeot of the

rich and powerful against the rest of America. Get active with your fellow citizens and you might just see more government of, by and for the people.

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Peace and prosperity: great developments for the country, but tough going for politicians and pundits. Good times mean complacency

cleaning up campaign finance, we seem unable to figure out what can be done to rebuild American families. The past 40 years bave witnessed the largest collapse of family life in recorded history - and It woo't be repaired with V-chips and \$500 tax credits.

· Meanwhile, much of Washington is also strangely silent oo the disasters unfolding in public universities in California and Texas - and soon to appear elsewhere - as affirmative action is thrown out. Racial preferences are no longer sustainable polítically, but a return to segregation would be even worse. Clearly, we oeed to pursue much stronger efforts at remediation in secondary school. On a wholly different front, we are

shortchanging one of our most vital long-term investments: basic scientific research. Federal spending bas dropped four years in a mw and is still heading down. To allow a continued deterioration would compromise prospects for our security, economy and quality of life.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund

Congress and President Clinton bave a bistoric opportunity to address a shameful and solvable problem shared by 10 million uninsured children, most of whom live with working parents. The House-Senate confereoce committee will soon decide whether to adopt a Senate plan

Arianna Huffington is chairwoman of the Center for Effective Compassion.

A very important piece of legislation - the charitable tax credit - is getting scant attention in Washington. The pmposal would allow families to give up to \$1,000 of what they owe in taxes to a poverty-fighting charity of their choice. Not only would it provide billions of dollars for effective grass-roots gmups but it would also strengthen the frail bonds of community.

In the course of deciding what group to support, citizens would have the opportunity to become more involved in the lives of those in need. And the charitable tax credit would establish a hierarchy of charitable priorities at a time when both political parties have tragically neglected the crisis of poverty and violence in our inner cities.

Kevin Phillips is editor ond publisher of American Political Report and author, most recently, of "Arrogant Capital.

For voters to ignore Washington's corruption hearings because Congress won't pass meaningful reform anyway is sagacity, not apathy.

Besides, Washington is never the nation's prime focus near the peak of a financial boom and stock market bubble - not in the early 1890's, not in the late 1920's and not now. That's true even though money's corruption of politics often tops out close to

fect every American's pocketbook and even cost American lives.

The first involves Europe, By widening NATO, we can reduce the chances of new intra-European conflicts. Otherwise, Americans could soon find themselves again engaged in European bloodshed.

The Middle East cries for more engagement by the United States in the stalemated Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Renewed conflict could quickly ignite a major energy crisis.

Last but not least, a more powerful China is emerging, while America's relationship with that awakening giant is in a state of drift. By portraying China already as our enemy, some commentators are engaging in a self-fulfulling prophesy.

la brief, ignorance is not bliss.

#### Vinnie Rosario is o bartender at The Capital Grille.

As the economy has heated up, Washington has seen a revival of 80's indulgence with a 50's retro twist, demonstrated by the unusual number of martinis, cigars and steaks being ordered at The Capital Grille when Congress is in session.

And over the hustle and bustle of bar interaction, the old jokes can be heard, like, "How many politicians does it take to screw in a light builb?" The most timely response these days, though, is, "They'd immediately form a committee to determine the most effective way to meet the challenges of this great task."

What does all this mean for the rest of America? Hey, a bartender П never reveals his secrets.

tered filing is shown to a Clintonite who talks every day to the Lippo partners of the Chinese Government?

Senator Thompson is getting traction despite John Glenn and his defeosive partisans. First Glenn was suckered into Huang's immunity stunt. Next, Glenn accused Thompson of playing "loose" with F.B.l. evidence of China's penetration plan, then had to sheepishly admit his mistake. If see-no-evil Glenn were a Republican, White House spinmeisters would Burtonize him.

The Senate's steady building of a case should shame lethargic Justice investigators. Questions:

Has the Public Integrity section of Justice obtained records fmm Fedex and other private mail services to determine who seot the thick envelopes delivered to Huang at his Stephens drop?

Has Justice taken all overseas and Canadian phone numbers called by Huang from his home, cell phone, Commerce and D.N.C. offices - and matched them with all numbers dialed from the Stephens office?

Has the F.B.I. interviewed Vice President Gore about his meeting at a \$300,000 Santa Monica fund-raiser on Sept. 27, 1994, with Shen Jueren, chairman of China Resources? Does Justice know that Shen was Beijing's partner with Lippo in a Hong Kong bank notorious as a fmnt for Chinese espionage?

In that regard, Thompson released a letter from Huang effusively thanking Jack Quinn, then Gore's chief of staff, for meeting with Huang and Shen three days before that California fund-raiser. Has the Justice Department with its 40 assigned F.B.I. agents - eight months into its investigation - asked Gore or Quinn about the Shen contacts?

The dismaying answer to that last one is no. Quinn tells me he remembers nothing about either meeting: "My surmise is that I just greeted them." But the stunner is that nobody has yet interviewed or deposed him about It. The forgetful Quinn, who later.served as White House Counsel, has laudably not skipped the country or taken the Fifth - but investigators leave him unquestioned.

Where is all this leading? Here's my theory: for five years, money from Asia has been flowing into the Clinton campaigns, and for five years, information and policy accommodations have been flowing out of the Clinton Administratioo to Asian governments.

As money moved from the East and data moved from the West, Lippo with its operatives in Washington, Little Rock, Jakarta and Hong Kong was the broker, the middleman or, in intelligence lingo, the "cutout." п

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# A Dying Filmmaker's Last Journey Into the Heart of Cuba

#### By LARRY ROHTER

MIAMI OMÁS GUTIÉRREZ ALEA was already ill with the cancer that would soon kill him when he made "Strawberry and Chocolate," the bittersweet comedy that in 1995 became the first Cuban film to go into general release in the United States and be nominated for an Oscar. So when the success of that movie led to other offers, he understood from the start that he had received a rare gift: a final opportunity to sum up a lifetime of work and ideas.

The result is "Guantanamera," which opens Friday and addresses, not surprisingly, the twin themes of love and death. Delineating the odyssey of a dead woman's body and the friends and relatives who accompaoy her coffin from one end of Cuba to the other, the movie manages to ridicule the rigid Stalinist bureaucracy that was one of Gutiérrez Alea's lavorite targets (though not to the extent desired by his exiled compatriots here) even as it exalts human attachments and passion.

"All of Titón's movies are a mixture of love, tenderness and acid humor," Mirtha Ibarra, the Cuhan actress who is Gutiérrez Alea's widow and appears in both "Guantanamera" and "Strawberry and Chocolate," said during an interview here, using the nickname lor her husband hy which he was known in Cuba. "But this one may be especially so because of the circumstances under

Born into a well-to-do Havana family, Gutiérrez Alea, who was 69 when he died last year, originally studied to be a lawyer. But the films of the Italian neo-realist movement captured his imagination, and he went to Italy in the early 1950's to learn about movie making. His international reputation was established by "Memories of Underdevelopment," which was released in 1968 and chronicles a bourgeois intellectual's difficulties in adapting to life in a revolutionary society. But within Coba, he was probably best known for sly satires like "Death of a Bu-

reaucrat," a 1966 work that foreshadows "Guantanamera" in both theme and style. In fact, when "Guantanamera." which takes its title from the famous Cuban ballad and reworks the song's lyrics so that it comments on the plot, was shown in Havana in 1995,

audiences flocked to theaters to see it, fearing that it would soon be withdrawn from circulation. They chuckled at the figure of Adolfo, a pompous hureaucrat whose every utterance is a stale cliché of revolutionary sacrifice taken straight from the pages of Granma, the official oewspaper of the Cuhan Communist Party, and roared at the misadventures that befall the corpse because of an absurd Government plan to make burials more efficient.

Working with Gutiérrez Alea "was a privilege on both the professional and personal levels," Juan Carlos Tahio, who because of the director's illness became co-director of both

"Strawberry and Chocolate" and "Guantanamera," said from his home in Havana. "He was the master of modern Cuban cinema, and part of what made him so was his flexibility and his spirit of criticism and self-criticism."

"We knew each other for more than 30 years and bad a relationship that was profound but hard to explain," Mr. Tabio continued. "He worked with me in ooe way or another on every project I've ever done. It's not that Titoo was able to find some sort of philosopher's stone that eluded the rest of us. But he had the strength to accept reality and tackle that reality in his work."

In fact, as bizarre as the plot of "Guantanamera" may seem, it was born, the director's widow said, of a newspaper story Gutiérrez Alea clipped in the late 1980's, when Cuba's shortage of gasoline was becoming acute. To save fuel, Communist Party bureaucrats had actually devised a plan that would require coffins to be transferred from one vehicle to another any time the boundary of a province was crossed, in order that oo province exceed its gasoline quota. To that idea, Gutiérrez Alea added, as was his habit, observations from his own notebook and snatches of dialogue heard on the streets of Науапа

"When this movie came out in Europe, they thought it was a comedy of the absurd," Ms. Ibarra said. "But it's oot. It is a comedy drawn from reality, an X-ray of the island of Cuba.'

Indeed, anyone who has traveled the length of Cuba in recent years will quickly recognize scenes from daily life that Gutiérrez Alea reproduces almost intact: the eerie absence of traffic on the highways; the families that wait for hours and hours for buses that never come, then crowd into the back of the rare passing truck; the flourishing illegal roadside commerce in meat and vegetables, which are bought and sold in American dollars, not Cuban pesos. 'Guantanamera," in short, is a road movie that shows a soclety dispirited and in decay.

UT MANY CUBAN DIRECtors and screenwriters oow in exile in the United States. including several who say they still regard Gutiérrez Alea as a mentor or friend, argue that in "Guantanamera," as in his earlier



Jorge Perugorria and Mirtha Ibarra, in "Guantanamera."

movies, he compromises his principles and does not go far enough in showing the Cuban system's faults. Sergio Giral, who defected to the United States six years ago and has recently directed a documentary about the Cuban cinema called "The Broken Image," is one of them.

"Titón was a filmmaker and intellectual who sought in every way to use the means of expression at his disposal to question the system," Mr. Giral said in an interview here. "But he fell into a trap and was never really able to do any damage to that system, which is inhumane. Io Cuba there are oo films that really dispute the system, because the Government will never permit it. When something critical is released, it comes out too late and thus is oo longer critical. It has lost its value, which is precisely why it is allowed to come out."

Jorge Ulla, a Cuban filmmaker who oow lives in New York, also has mixed feelings about Gutiérrez Alea. "To me, be is a tragic figure," said Mr. Ulla. "He was a great narrator and storyteller, a shrewd critic who

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created a vast body of work that shows a fine intelligence. But he couldn't, or wouldn't, talk about the real problem, which is intolerance. In the Iinal analysis, this is a man who was torn between his Socialist convictions and his reservations about the figure of Fidel Castro. Once embarked on this revolutionary adventure, he was unable to break with it, and that limited his message and his work."

Politely but firmly, Ms. Ibarra refused to be drawn into any discussion of the political controversy surrounding her hushand's work.

"I don't see why I should have to do that," she said. "If I were an actress from another country, you wouldn't eveo be asking me such questions." But she rejected outright the notion that Guiterrez Alea had ever softened his message or sacrificed his integrity as an artist in order to please the authorities.

"Titon was honest and always sald what he wanted to say," she said. "He believed in many of the values of the revolution, and defended them.

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Besides, censorship is relative. In your country, the producer gets the final cut. That's censorship, too, and Titón never had to contend with that."

To Ms. Ibarra, "Guantanamera" is first and foremost an elegy, a work of art rather than a political state ment. "This movie is a song in praise of life and love," she said. "That's what he wanted; he was very clear about that. He knew this was going to be his last movie, that death was there, within reach, waiting for him. So he wanted to deepen his sense of life, and speak out in favor of awakening and living ona's life intensely."

"Guantanamera" reunites Ms. Ibarra with one of her fellow cast members in "Strawberry and Chocolate," Jorge Parugorria, who played the role of the homosexual Diego, who strikes up an unlikely friendship with a fervent Communist who is heterosexual. This time out, Mr. Perugorria is cast as Mariano, a macho, bearded truck driver who has a girlfriend at every stop along the road. Ms. Ibarra, in turn, exchanged her role as a conniving but earthy black . marketeer lor that of an economics professor trapped in an unhappy marriage.

"That was deliberate," Ms. Iharra said. "After 'Strawberry and Chocolate' became a success and the Spanish came in as co-producers for 'Guantanamera,' one condition they set was that both of us, Jorge and me, be in the movie. So Titon said, 'Let's reverse the roles.' So we revised that script and revised the characters." Gutiérrez Alea left behind at least

two scripts that Ms. Ibarra says are "ready to be filmed this instant." One is a Caribbean version of "The Tempest." The other, written with Mr. Tabio and a Cuban playwright, Is called "Weekend in Bahia" and is essentially, said Mr. Tabio, "a dialogue for two characters, a Cuban woman who returns oo a visit from the United States and the fiance left behind whom she re-encounters."

"Even before he became ill. Titon worried about time getting away. from him, that there was not enough time at hand to accomplish everything he wanted to do," Ms. Ibarra said. "But those last five years were happy years, despite the cancer. They were rich, intense years in which he enjoyed everything. He painted and he listened to music. But it was the cinema be loved most of all and which fused all the artistic restlessness he had." 

The director Tomás Gutiérrez Alea with his wife, the actress Mirtha Ibarra, on the set of "Strawberry and Chocolate" in 1993.

 Estimate visit In 'Contact,' Science and Fiction Nudge Together

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#### By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

**RAT IS ELMER FUDD** doing in a serious movie about astronomers and the search for extraterrestrial life? The answer is revealing of the attention to small details that gives the new movie "Contact" the texture of autheoticity when it comes to science. Perhaps only a handful of astronomers caught the in-joke, but it reassured them that the filmmakers had done their homework.

The premise of "Contact" is that a civilization somewhere deep in space is broadcasting a cryptic radio message. At the moment the message is intercepted here on Earth, the intense young astronomer Dr. Eleanor (Ellie) Arroway, played by Jodie Foster, wants to be absolutely sure. "What do the FUDD's say?" she asks. That is the acronym for the Iollow-up detection device, a specialized receiver used by real-life astronomers searching for life in space to confirm that a detected intelligent signal is in lact genuine.

After confirmation by FUDD, Ellie kisses the computer screen. "Thank you, Elmer," she says.

Astronomers who have seen the movie are impressed by how, on a scientific level, it is remarkably faithful to the spirit, strategy and techniques of the quest known by another acronym: SETI, for the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. They give the film high marks for authenticity, at least in its first half. When it shifts to the frantic public and political reaction to the discovery and the launching of an intergalactic spaceship built to alien instructions, the movie becomes far more speculative.

But there really are SETI scientists like Ellie. They are passiooate about their visioo that life exists elsewhere in the universe and may well be sending out radio signals. Since 1960, they have often run up against the scoffing skepticism of other scientists. Compared with the people who are looking for past microbes on Mars, they have had to beg and plead for telescope time and a little money to support their research.

After starting a more ambitious and systematic program in 1992, SETI came under attack by conservative congressmen, whose withering ridicule forced the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to withdraw its financial support. Now the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., operates a reduced search program with money from foundations and private donors. In the movie, generous hacking for the quest comes oot from the Government but from an enigmatic megabillionaire, S. R. Haddeo (John Hurt), vaguely modeled after Howard Hughes. The movie is also true to the ro-

mance of looking into the night sky and dreaming of other inhabited

Do astronomers really listen for signs of extraterrestrial life? You better believe it.

worlds. When Ellie stands in awe at the giant radio telescope at Arecibo, P.R., she speaks of the innumerable stars in the galaxy and the prospect that some of them also have planets with intelligent life. No matter that astrooomers quibble about some of the numbers she recites; one can hear echoes of the late Carl Sagan's fervent book, lectures and televisioo tours of the heavens. Which is understandable, because the movie is based on a novel by Sagan, who advised the filmmakers up until a few weeks before his death last December.

"I think Carl would have been proud of the movie," Robert Zemeckis, the director of "Cootact," said recently in an interview.

Another true note is the movie's brief but careful explanation of the scientific rationala for such a quest. In this case, one is listening to Frank Drake. A longtime colleague of Sagan at Cornell University, Dr. Drake, now a professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz, pioneered SETI in 1960 and formulated equations that guide other searchers.

Perhaps the movie's cleverest bit of verisimilitude, although many viewers may be troubled by the ethlcs of it, is an "appearance" hy President Clinton. He never got within miles of the set, of course. But through filmmaking tricks like the ones Mr. Zemeckis used in "Forrest Gump," Mr. Clinton's face and a real

sound bite are incorporated in a fictional cabinet meeting. His words about the profound implications of such a discovery are actually those recorded when be learned last August of the oews that scientists had found possible evidence of early microbial life in a meteorite from Mars.

NYONE FAMILLAR WITH SETI, however, will recognize a few serious lapses, which are the result not of ignorance so much as the exercise of cinematic license. The most apparent ooe is the scene at the moment when the radio message from the Vega constellation is detected. In the movie, this occurs at the Very Large Array, a network of 27 huge dishshaped radio antennas in the desert oear Socorro, N.M. It is a visually impressive place, high-tech ears cocked to the heavens against a backdrop of mountains.

But SETI scientists never use these antennas. They perform miracles of observation, gathering radio waves from distant galaxies, but they are not suited to SETI's purposes. For one thing, the search would require 27 separate specially designed receivers, and the program's finances can barely afford one.

Another unrealistic aspect of this scene is baving Ellie sitting out in the desert by one of the antennas, wearing earphones and holding a small computer in her lap. No way. She would be in the control room, and she would not be picking up a telltale signal with a headset. A SETI receiver would be monitoring 28 millioo channels, processing signals through a computer and then displaying possible radio messages on a screen.

"You don't listen on headphones," said Seth Shostak, a staff scientist at the SETI Institute. "Your ear is oot as good as the computer looking for very weak signals." Mr. Zemeckis said he knew that

astronomers could not actually hear such a radio wave. "I had to take license here," he said. "It's only a romantic image." Such scientific lapses and liberties are rare in the movie. "The oumber of errors I picked up you could count on the fingers of one hand," Dr. Shostak said For confirmation, check it out with

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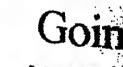
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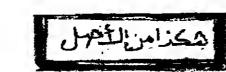
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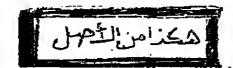
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# Making the Swiss accountable

The first names of holders of dormant Swiss bank accounts will be released this week. Marilyn Henry meets the man behind the bank audit

The Swiss banks, after years of balking, are about to pub-L lish the first list of names on dormant accounts, and Paul Volcker doesn't know what to wish for.

"I don't know what is going to happen when we publish these names," he said in an interview in his midtown Manhattan office.

One of the most powerful bankers in the world, Volcker is now in charge of a "forensic" investigation that is intended to resolve once and for all the fale of the dormant Holocaust-era accounts in Swiss banks. For half a century, claimants have insisted there were huge sums in the banks, but they have been stymied in their efforts to locate the assets of relatives who died in the Holocaust, in part, because the banks refused to disclose the names on the accounts. Claimants also were rebuffed because they often lacked documentation to identify an account.

"I don't know whether to sit here fearing that we find a hell of a lot of this stuff, to the enormous embarrassment of the Swiss banks, or we find very little," said Volcker, the former head of the US Federal Reserve. The difference in the estimates of the value of Holocaust-era assets is astounding. The Swiss banks' estimate is around \$38 million. Jewish organizadons and political advocates have used figures as high as \$7 billion. That's inflated; Volcker said. "The whole size of the [war-era] Swiss banking system was only \$5 billion." Between the two estimates is what Volcker called the "great 'never-never land,' " including funds deposited, and possibly removed, by third parties. These agents appear to be the



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Paul Volcker: 'I knew it would be controversial and emotional, but I didn't expect it to be quite the cause celebre it has become.' Above: Volcker during a visit to Israel. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

It's been exactly a year since Volcker agreed to head the investigation, which could reach into some 400 Swiss banks that will be asked to account for bank activity from a half-century ago. He was warned, he said, of the practical difficulties, the potential divisiveness and the high emotional stakes - and he took the post, anyway.

exchange controls and specific "I knew it would be controverbut 1 didn't expect it to be quite the cause celebre it has become," he said, jab-bing the arm of his chair with a base of a penknife, and leaning on an embroidered pillow that said, "Work is for people who don't know how to fish."

were seen as, at best, incomplete. A six-member Jewish and Swiss panel - including Avraham Burg of the Jewish Agency, businessmanphilanthropist Ronald Lauder, and Reuben Beraja, of the Argentine Jewish community - was con-vened, with Volcker (who is neither Jewish nor Swiss) at the helm of what was expected to be a complicated, but technical, task. When

tee's mandate, and often has had to clarify his panel's mission by saying what it is not. The WJC and the bankers have what Voicker called "this little agreement." He was being literal. The pact is only a page and a half long. "The way I read this, our mission is dormant accounts," he said.

"It's not looted assets. It's not what the Nazis took. It's what was VO in Swiss banks by refugees. There was some debate about whether this was the correct interpretation, and there are still some efforts to say, 'C'mon, let's go after this other stuff." That "other stuff" is known by the shorthand "Nazi gold." It has riveted international attention and prompted the US and most Western European states to review the history of their dealings with the Nazis and the neutral countries during World War II. In a number of nations, commissions have been formed with ambitious, but vague mandates to examine the issue.

The matter got a significant push in May with the publication of an American report on Nazi gold, under the supervision of Stuart Eizenstat, the leading Clinton administration official on restituuon. That report challenged Swiss neutrality and said that Switzerland prolonged the war by serving as the Reich's bankers. The Swiss government objected vehemently to Eizenstat's conclusions. While it is a compelling matter, "gold, it seems to me, from the Jewish point of view is the least of

the issue." Volcker said. "Obviously it is very emotional teeth and rings and so forth - but I think the main story on the gold was 98 percent known 20 or 30 years ago." And that story, he said, was that the Nazis had stolen Dutch and Belgian gold and shipped it to Switzerland. "That was not news, or shouldn't have been news, but of course people have forgotten about it."

FOLLOWING this week's publicadon of the first names on dormant Swiss accounts, the Volcker Committee's next task will be to insotute "an independent and objective international claims resoludon panel to definiovely and equitably decide claims."

The panel will operate under liberal rules of evidence, which Volcker's panel must develop. "It's one thing to say we are going to have relaxed rules - what are

ing in several class-action lawsuits that were filed in American federal court against Swiss banks, seeking to force the banks to opeo their books and to pay compensation. At a hearing at the end of the month, a federal judge is to decide whether the US has jurisdiction to hear the case.

Some of the plaintiffs, on the other hand, reject the panel, con-lending that the World Jewish Congress did not have the authority or the claimants' consent to represent their demands.



around the Shabbat table was a happy, peaceful group of 10 - one nuclear family, eight children and two parents, calmly eating their din-

The kids, appearing to range in age from approximately 14 to two, all sat politely at their places in their spotless holiday clothes and ate their meals quietly, passing dishes from one end of the table to the other. Both parents remained seated the whole time, with no need to jump up to cut meat, clean up messes, or stop arguments. They actual-

ly seemed to be enjoying themselves. It was their behavior, rather than the mere size of their family that flabbergasted me. In recent years, as I've been exposed to religiously observant families more often than

in the past, I've stopped being completely shocked that women are physically capable of bearing such

they?" Volcker said. In the meantime, action is ocar-

Many argue that the lawsuits replicate what the Volcker Committee is doing.

Volcker, meanwhile, plugs away. Under an expedited timetable he developed with the Swiss Banking Commission, the banks must report by September 15 on all foreign and domestic accounts that have been dormant since 1945. A second list of accounts will be published on October 20. The deadline for filing a claim for an account will be six months after the publication of the names. The claims resolution panel will be required to decide claims, along with interest or other adjustments, within six months after the end of the period

t a recent gathering of extended family, I witnessed children for even one day? How do you keep them safe? What I find most fascinating are the details. How do you avoid get-

ting everybody's underwear mixed up? One mother thought I was crazy. Her response: as long as it fits, who cares if one kid wears another kid's

clean underwear? Others had more practical solu-ulons. One mother 1 know color codes the underwear, putting a dot of a certain color in indelible ink on each little pair of briefs. Every kid has his or her own color.

The biggest challenge, I am told, is keeping the refrigerator stocked. A food-buying schedule must be firmly in place otherwise shopping is a Sisyphean task: food is pur-chased, it disappears within hours, another trip to the store is necessary. It is stories like these, and sights like that of the peaceful Shabbat dinner that convince me that these women must have tremendous organizational talents

When I see women with four, five and more children, I find myself straining to understand exactly how their lives work...How do they avoid getting everybody's underwear mixed up?

large oumbers of children, and emerge from more than a decade of constant pregnancy physically intact and relatively sane.

It took a while to reach this stage. The first ome I met a woman who told me proudly that she bore 12 children, my mouth dropped open and other parts of my body ached in sympathy. I've made progress since then. But I have had a hard time liberating myself from the belief that the lives of these women must consist of utter chaos, lacking even a moment of screnity. After all, I have just one baby, and it's amazing how he has managed to turn my life

upside down. So when I see women with four, five and more children, I find myself straining to understand exactly how their lives work. How do these families get through even one day? How do you fit the family

This leads me to propose an idea: An employment agency should be set up for women who have more than four children. Once their children are grown and out of the house, I think they should be placed at the head of large companies. Their managerial skills are boned and primed - why shouldn't they go straight to the top and start as CEOs? After all, men cruise into top positions straight from the IDF with no business experience, simply because they are considered good leaders. In fact, men chuise into the top

ranks of politics for the same reason. So how about electing a party leader on the basis of her experience with a brigade of children as opposed to his experience with a brigade of soldiers? She would have substantial experience in managing health, education and social

in Germany fer of Jewish wealth abroad. Many of the deposits were made clandestinely by frightened, persecuted people acting through third parties - lawyers, accountants, associates or friends, Volcker said. In some cases, the funds may never have reached Siviss banks at all.

The bank accounts are from an

Or, the agents may have closed the accounts, legally or not. "In some cases, it may have been illicit. How do you track that down? Can you blame it on the bank?" Volcker asked. "How do you know if the bank was in cahoots for something that happened 50 years ago?"

IN A dramatic news conference on May 2, 1996, the World Jewish Congress and the Swiss Bankers Association signed a cooperative agreement to oversee the forensic audit. It was a breakthrough.

There had been previous searches of the dormant accounts,

if he is sorry he eve of the dormant accounts, Volcker laughs with a boom, the kind that fits a man who's nearly seven feet tail.

Well, it is taking a lot more time than I thought," he said. "At omes, it gets very acrimonious and it's kind of unpleasant." But there was no "equally promising" approach available, he said, adding that the "genius" of the committee of the WJC and SBA is that "they are both implicated and they are both involved, and they both have an interest in seeing it go."

Volcker, however, has had to rein notably in the 1960s, but these in efforts to expand his commit-

The question of dormant accounts should be wrapped up next year. "I think some people will be satisfied. I think there will be some amount of money there. unideotified," Volcker said. "This money is somehow a reasonable estimate of what's left over, and it will be made available in some ways to help the remaining victims of the Holocaust."

NOTE: The first list of names on dormant Swiss bank accounts will be published in The Jerusalem Post on Friday, July

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#### EARTHLY CONCERNS

# Going with – or against – the grain

#### By DVORA BEN SHAUL

s the world population burgeons and more and more people actually starve from the lack of rice, maize or millet, oot to mention such a basic staple as bread. It is only natural to question the use of grain used to sustaio the beef industry. Since meat is consumed hy only a small percentage of the world's population, can we truly justify the enormous expenditure of grain - which could feed vast oumbers of people - in order to produce a luxury product for such a small minority?

The moral, ethical aspect of this question becomes an increasingly contendous issue. While there are many people devoong ome and resources to trying to produce more grain, there are others who claim that there's already enough of these cereal products but they are simply being misused. Cultural trends have shown that as soon as a society becomes more afflueot, some sectors of society begin to demand meat, particularly high-quality meat. For example, several countries in Asiawhich have always depended on pork production to meet their dietary requirements, are

now demanding "beefsteak." To better understand the problems involved in the debate, we must consider the statistics. There is no doubt that beef is a very expensive commodity in light of the resources that go into its production. And here we must factor in its cost both monetarily and environmentally, for we live to a world where even water is ecoming a precious commodity. It takes over 5,000 liters of water to produce a kilogram of beef, some five servings. It takes only 330 liters to cultivate a grain-based vegetarian diet for the same number of servings. Over five kilograms of grain products are consumed to produce that one kilo of beef. That same amount of grain would provide a daily ration, that is admittedly poorer in protein but sufficient to nourish and sustain 10 to 12 people.. It

Wheat instead of meat? Many claim that a grain-based vegetarian diet could curh world starvation.

is estimated that the 50 million tons of grain used to feed beef cattle every year represents about 80 percent of the total basic requirements of the global population.

Another element to coosider is the "slashand-burn" clearing of forested land to create grazing areas. This is one of the chief causes of the destruction of the world's forests. In tropical rain forests, this practice adds greatly to the erosion of valuable soils, polludon of water sources, and the destruction of vital plants as well as animal habitats. All this contributes to a disturbance of rainfall patterns and interferes with the amount of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide that is released

into the atmosphere. In the end, this exacerbates global warming. And, adding insult to injury, the land is useful for grazing for only a few years before erosion and other land degradation render it infertile.

So what would happen if beef ceased to be a major item of food production? Would it really be possible to produce enough cereals to feed an ever-hungrier world and conserve important natural resources at the same ome? Statistics show this to be a theoretical possibility. But do statistics lie?

The crucial question that remains is whether or not this plan would work, giveo the nature of humankind and the poliocal agendas of much of the world.

Many vegetarians and vegans claim that meat consumers are the only barrier to coding world starvadon. They dismiss all arguments to the contrary as weak ratiooalizations.

Others question this assumption. They believe that world bunger is not necessarily due to an insufficient food supply but rather to the "politics of famine."

Many people who have worked in famine relief programs in the Far East, in the Indian subcontinent, or in Africa have observed that it is not always the lack of available food that causes starvation but the indifference of governments to the "have-not's" in their societies.

These critics point out one salieot fact Because of dietary concerns, especially over cholesterol, , beef consumption in the United States has dropped more than 30% over the nast seven years.

But oot one grain of extra wheat has been diverted to the famine-stricken areas of the world. In many areas, farmers bave been paid subsidies to refrain from growing more grain to avoid a market surplus which would lower the overall world market price of grain. Both financial and political incentives seem to be behind such policies: a valuable commodity like grain means power.

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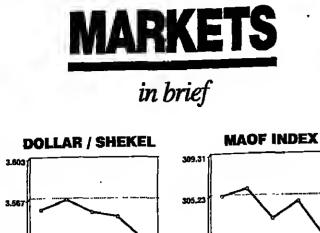
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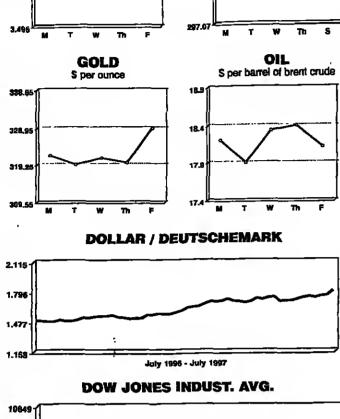
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# Pharmos, Chiron link in drug technology

#### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Pharmos Corporation and Chiron Corporation announced an agreement to jointly market a technology designed to make protein-based drugs such as insulin and beta interferon more effective, Pharmos said yesterday.

Five years ago, Pharmos and

Florida-based biotechnology com-pany with a research and development center in Rehovot.

"Chiron is a big company, so working with them means pres-tige, but it also means money," the spokesman said.

The current US market for injectable proteins is \$10 billion. Pharmos designs drugs for oph-

#### By DAVID HARRIS

Coalition chairman Meir Sheetrit (Likud) yesterday called on the government not to allow the creation of a gas monopoly, as was agreed last week by the Treasory and National Infrastructure Ministry. Sheetrit also urged the government to

introduce a far-reaching bill outlawing all monopolies in the couotry MKs from across the political spectrum say they will oppose the Treasury and National Infrastructure Ministry plan to

create a monopoly to run the natural gas industry. After months of disagreement, the ministries announced they bad reached agree-

ment for the creation of a company that would be responsible for the import, distribution and marketing of natural gas.

Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) will also be allowed to import natural gas directly, though it has been prohibited from competing for the gas company tender.

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The differences were in valuing the short- and mid-term," explained one of those involved in the negotiations. This was a reference to the National Infrastructure Ministry's Natural Gas Project management's desire to advance the sopply of gas as quickly and efficiently as possible, while the Treasury wants to consider the wider mid-term economic implications, including the creation of another monopoly, despite government policy aimed at greater market freedom.

The National Infrastrucuture Ministry believes that for the duration of the establishment of a natural gas supply, it is more logical for just one company to be in control.

Bot several coalition and opposition MKs disagree.

There is no reason when we already have the IEC and Bezeq for introducing a monopoly in the gas industry," said Avraham Poraz (Metetz). "This is totally unacceptable."

Following the accord reacbed by the ministries, it is now passed on for consideration to the ministerial economics committee under the chairmansbip of Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman. If approved, the plan will then be introduced to the Knesset, at which point Poraz said, he will begin his campaign io earnest against the proposal.

"As an energy bill, it would have to come through the [Knesse1] Economics Committee, where it could fall."

Ecocomics Committee chairman Eli Goldschmidt (Labor) said he too will

Sheetrit: No to gas monopoly oppose the proposal, describing it as "a very serious breach of the government's

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commitment to 'demonopolize'. Sheetrit, who is still considering the gas agreement, said the need for anti-monopoly legislation is paramount and must be. introduced by the government, which can fund a full-time legal adviser who would be needed to work on the complex bill "It is crucial that we bring an end to monopolies," said Sheetrit. "All such monopolies mean the the public pay more.

expensive prices." As a result of the agreement between the ministries, the monopoly will only be guaranteed the tender for a limited, but as yet, unspecified period. When the monopoly's leader period expires, there will be separate tender advertisements for the import, distribution and marketing of natural gas.

Madge plans

10% to 20%

job cuts

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Madge Networks (Israel) is expected to lay off 10-20 percent of its 500-person work force following

the release of the parent's secondquarter results, an industry insider

close to the company said yesterday. The Tel Aviv-based maker of com-

munications products is a wholly-

owned subsidiary of Madge Networks NV of the Netherlands,

Oppenheimer & Co. said it expects Madge to finish the quarter

with losses of \$0.11 per share. The

sales fell below expectations and the

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shares dropped.



#### Peso paupers

A blind mother named Lina begs with her sleeping baby this weekend on a sidewalk in Baguio City, north of Manila. The recent devaluation of the peso has made the lives of Filippinos on the poverty line even worse. (AP) 

# IEC to raise \$1.3 billion on US, German markets

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company will release its results. Wednesday evening in California. The company refused to comment. Madge, the fifth largest computer networking company worldwide, has faced difficulties against larger  $X^{n}$ competitors, such as 3COM. In an . . . . effort to increase its competitive-ST 11 ness, the company merged with Lannet Data Communications of Tel Aviv in June 1995. Lannet, which changed its name to Madge (Israel), became the company's research and 1.0 development arm. But due to a poor fit between the different enterprises,

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Chiron began developing the drug-delivery technology which aims to better direct drugs to their destination. This increases a treatment's efficacy and decreases the dosage of a drug needed, a company spokesman said.

The deal also represents a significani achievement for Pharmos, a

that mic and neurological disor ders. The company is currently waiting for the US Food and Drug Administration to approve a treatment designed to cure infections caused by contact lenses.

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At its regular board meeting, the intends to raise some \$1.3 billioo company approved the flotation of bonds in the US to the value of through a bond sale and credit \$1b. and a credit line worth DM arrangement in the United States 600 million (\$334m.) from and Germany, according to a

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The capital will go toward funding the company's 1998 \$1.5b. development program, including the building of oew major and secondary power stations.

The two financial steps will be implemented towards the end of this year and during the course of 1998. The oature and duration of the bonds has yet to be determined.

The credit line, meanwhile, will be managed by three banks: Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau, Societe Generale, and Bayerische Landesbank.

In recent years, raising capital through foreign markets has become a major plank in company policy.

Betweeo 1992 and 1996 the company raised DM 980m., principally for funding secondary power stations and purchasing four gas turbines for the Gezer and Rutenberg projects at Ramle and Ashkelon respectively.

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Until oow, particularly with the Gezer and Rutenberg plants, there has been considerable German involvement.

With IEC envisaging purchasing future supplies on the German market, the company sees a logic in raising capital through the deutschemark. IEC said it believes potential future purchases from Germany could amount to DM 900m.

IEC's investments over the next decade are likely to reach \$12b., according to company chairman Gad Ya'acobi.

In order to do so, he said, the company will continue to raise capital in the US, Europe, and

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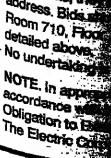
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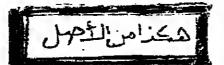
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recent weeks. All are designed to

make it easier for competitors to

gain a foothold in the 13 states and

the District of Columbia, where

Bell Atlantic and Nynex control

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said:

approve the merger. These condi-

tions apply to the whole region

and they make up for the loss of

Bell Atlantic as a polential com-petitor to Nynex." The commis-

sion is expected to vote on final

approval of the merger within

weeks. Two other commissioners.

Susan Ness and James Quello,

PM

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Israel Radio reported last night

that during a Palestinian investi-

gation into an explosion last week

which killed a Hamas terrorist as

he was apparently trying to pre-

pare a bomb in Bethlehem, an

explosives manufacturing center

was discovered. It is not clear if

the explosion and the center are

PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath shrugged off the Israeli

evidence of Palestinian Police

involvement in terrorism during a

news conference held after talks

with Foreign Minister David

We are dealing with the matter

very seriously," he said. "We are

The evidence so far received

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Precious metals stage recovery MICHAEL ZWEBNER

Precioos metals futures ended sharply higher for the second day in a row Friday, led by beavy fund short-covering in gold, traders said. Researchers put less emphasia on Friday's stock market slump than on the fact that major funds were taking the opportunity to cover their large short positions as a possible reason for gold's recovery. They also feel that last week's 12-year low could be repeated in the near future.

The platinum group metal (PGM) futures also ended higher as the white metals continued to recover from two month lows seen io the past week.

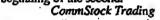
August gold ended up \$4.90 per troy oz. at \$329.60, September silver was up 2.50 ceot at 427.00 cents per troy oz. September highgrade copper futures closed at 107.40 ceots per lb. - up .95 cent. September palladium finished up \$6 at \$166.35 per troy oz. and October platinum was up \$5.60 at \$399.30 per troy oz.

World oil prices buckled on Friday on downward pressure from looming Iraqi sales and expectations that a hurricane would not bit US Gulf crude output as hard as originally feared.

The slide was triggered by moves by US Gulf producers to prepare for restarts at platforms and other facilities after Hurricane Danny passed the US oil refining and offshore production belt.

Oil companies which evacuated personnel from US Gulf rigs and installations ahead of Danny were sending crews back to work after the storm passed across the Louisiana coast with relatively little incident.

Iraq is expected to more than double its oil exports next month to around 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) to make op for a gap between the end of the first "oil-for-food" deal with the Uoited Nations and the beginning of the second.



# FCC approves \$24b. merger of Bell Atlantic and Nynex By MIKE MILLS

early last year.

telecommunications industry.

at the Bell Atlantic-Nynex deal.

also indicated Saturday that they now support the merger.

WASHINGTON - Bell Atlantic Corp. and Nynex Corp. Saturday struck a deal with federal regula-Though the agreement offers some hope for mass-scale local competition along the East Coast, tors on ways to more quickly open it comes a day after a federal court. their local phone markets to comin St. Louis struck down key FCC petition, in a move that allows the pricing rules for local telephone competition. The ruling, many companies to finalize their longawaited \$24 billion merger. analysts said, would likely slow In a 10-page letter sent to the rederal Communications the opening of the \$100b. market.

FCC staff said Bell Atlantic would risk fines or other penalties if it failed to adhere to the conditions after the merger is approved. But some analysts were skeptical about whether the deal could be adequately enforced.

"If they deliver on what they're promising, it would be welcome news," said Jeffrey Kagan, president of Kagan Telecom Associates in Atlanta. "All they're saying is they're going to negotiate better with competitors. It's not like they have a great track record of negotiating." The agreement puts an apparent end to a roller-coaster regulatory approval process for Bell Atlantic and Nynex.

Critics of the deal were upset in April when the Justice Department approved the merger with no conditions attached - they thought the

marriage of two powerful Bell companies should have drawn service of 26 million customers more scrutiny from the nation's top antitrust enforcer. It was the latest in a string of proposed all long-distance traffic. industry mergers, all of which

came about after a major restructuring of telecommunications laws When AT&T Corp. and SBC Communications Inc., formerly employees. After weeks of haggling, includ-

Southwestern Bell Corp., began ing numerous conversations merger talks earlier this summer, belween Hundt and Nynex which have since collapsed, there Chairman Ivan Seidenberg, Bell Atlantic and FCC staff members were further cries that regulators should do something to stop the agreed to a number of concessions "merger mania" sweeping the that are designed to smooth the way for competitors who wish to That's when Hundi stepped in compete against the company by and said he would take a closer look providing local telephone services. The conditions include assur-The new telecommunications ances that Bell Atlantic will issue quarterly reports detailing such law allows new firms to offer service by connecting to, and even aspects as how difficult it is for leasing, today's local phone netcompetilors to connect to its nelworks. But critics such as AT&T works, switchover customers and and MCI Communications Corp. handle billing and repair issues. have been complaining that Bell Atlantic, Nynex and other local

carriers have imposed obstacles to Critics pointed out that, by combining, Bell Atlantic and Nynex enforce those standards. would control the local telephone

from Maine to Virginia, a region that accounts for nearly 25 percent of the US population and a third of

Together they will form the sec-ond-largest U.S. communications company after AT&T, with \$28b. in annual revenue and 130,000

Bell Atlantic also agreed to negotiate performance standards, such as how adequately it responds to a competitor's connection requests, and ways to

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Washington Post

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#### By ROBERT DANIEL

Composite lodex - where a number of Israeli companies trade -dropped 1.75 percent. Stock indexes declined after stocks dropped on Wall Street and Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 115.5 million of as investors awaited developments in the government budget talks. The Maof Index of 25 most-traded issues fell 1.17 percent to shares traded. Three shares lost ground for every one that gained. Bezeq dropped 3 percent to NIS 301.15. The Mishtanim Index of

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trading of NIS 14.2m. "The greatest weight" on stocks in Tel Aviv "is from drops abroad," said Ari Edelheit, trader of a group formed to compete for at the Tel Aviv securities firm the third license the government Zeler Avlagon.

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pretext to break out of the impasse and to create confidence between the parties." Other Palestinian officials denied the allegations and demanded that Israel extradite the four policemen, claiming it neces-sary in order for the PA to com-

plete the investigation. After yesterday's cabinet meeting, during a visit to his office by Japanese Defense Minister Fumio Kyuma, Netanyahu reiterated his condemnation of the PA policemen's behavior.

"Imagine what would happen if there was evidence or firm indications that the inspector-general of the police had sent policemen or soldiers to kill Palestinian children," Netanyahu said.

Palestinian security officials say they have arrested four Palestinian policemen, including Nablus Police Asst.-Cnidr. Jihad Massimi, in charge of criminal investigations yesterday.

According to Palestinian sources, Arafat himself ordered the arrests. According to reports, police Brig.-Gen. Sa'adi Naji has been ordered to head the investigation and lold reporters that Massimi's assistant Col. Nafez Musmar also was detained.

competition.

"Anyone who is suspect was arrested,"said Naji adding that if charges are proven the detainees will be tried in a military court.

David Bar-Illan, Netanyahu's communications director, said yesterday that although the arrests were encouraging, the government will draw its conclusions only after the investigation is concluded. Deputy Commander of the Palestinian Preventive Police in

the West Bank, Col. Samah Cna'an, said yesterday the PA may consider asking US security officials to take part in the investigation.

There is a complete break-down between the Israelis and Palestinians regarding security issues at present," he said, adding that it would be difficult not to include US officials.

the investigation is to arrange a meeting between the three sides who together would investigate all the facts and take into account each side's complaints," he added. The dispute over the Palestinian

Police's alleged links to terrorism coincided with the release of a scathing report of PA violations of the Hebron agreement, issued by the Government Press Office.

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Referring to Palestinian security violations, it accuses the Palestinian Police of organizing riots in Hebron in March and April of this year and again in June and July."In many cases, the PA paid youths 30 to 50 shekels per day for taking part in riots and attacking Israeli soldiers," it states. "The PA has deployed 1,500 policemen in Hebron, which is nearly four times the 400 allowed, and it has armed them

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#### SPORTS

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# Leonard putts superbly to win British Open

TROON, Scotland (Reuter) - American Justin Leonard putted supremely for a six-under-par 65 and overhauled Jesper Parnevik of Sweden to capture the British Open golf title hy three strokes yesterday. The unheralded former US amateur champion rifled

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in putts from all over the greens of Royal Troon including birdies from 15 feet and 35 feet at the 16th and 17th holes as once again Parnevik was denied the title.

It seemed most likely to go to the Swede for most of the day hut Parnevik, who lost the 1994 Open at Tumberry to Nick Price when he bogeyed the final hole, missed a vital four-foot hirdie putt at the 16th

Then he bogeyed the last two holes to drop hack into a tie for second place with Northern Irishman Darren Clarke.

Leonard, winning only his third title as 6 profes-sional, finished with a 12-under-par total of 272. Parnevik had 6 final round two-over-par 73 while Clarke compiled 6 level-par 71.

"I made the putts I missed yesterday," said Leonard, who shot a one-over-par 72 on Seturday. "I can't believe how calm I was right up until the 18th green.\*

### Mizrahi forgets Europe, set to join Mac. PT

#### By ORI LEWIS

stage duel After his travels across the contineni came to nought, Bnei Yehuda's COURCHEVEL, France (Reuter) - Frenchman Richard Virenque, king of the mountains, beat overall leader Jan Ullrich in a superb duel for the 14th stage of the Tour de

Virengue, second overall, and the German were given the same time for the 148-km stage from Alpe d'Huez, Ullrich's aggregate advantage remaining six minutes 22 seconds.

France yesterday.

Virenque

beats Ullrich

to line in 14th

Spain's Fernando Escartin was third, 47 seconds behind, and Virenque's Festina team mate Laurent Dufaux of Switzerland fourth, one minute 19 seconds behind.

Defending champion Bjame Riis of Denmark, fifth in the stage at-1:24, climbed one place overall to: third, 11 minutes six seconds behind Ullrich.

### **Brown** smashes Sunday League record 203

LONDON (Reuter) - Alistair Brown smashed his way into the English Sunday League record books by scoring 203 for Surrey

against Hampshire yesterday. The opener plundered 11 sizes and 19 fours on the way to his double century in the 40 overs match at the pairs and trips competitions Guildford.

Brown, who has played three one-day internationals for England, beat the previous individual record of 176 by Graham Gooch for Essex against Glamorgan at Southend in.

And Brown failed by just three runs to equal the best limited-over score in England - 206 by former West Indies Test batsman Alvin Kallicharran for Warwickshire against Oxfordshire in the 60 overs NatWest Trophy in 1984.

and Ori Lewis

#### mercurial international striker, Alon Mizrahi has decided to put his dream of playing in Europe on hold and will sign a five-year contract with Maccabi Petah Tikva when he returns from trials in Germany and for \$162,000. Belgium tomorrow.

Mizrahi set off from Israel's training camp in the Austrian alps last Sunday with high hopes of signing with VfB Stutgart in the Bundesliga, but the Germans were

not impressed enough to want to sign Mizrahi, and other sides who had originally said they might be interested in the player never got to a stage of even meeting him.

Mizrahi proceeded to Belgium, where he tried out with Anderlecht, but despite scoring two goals in e practise game, they too said they were not interested. Anderlecht claimed they would have liked to have the services of Ronnen Harazi, but he slipped out of the Belgians' grasp, signing with Salamanca

Maccabi Petah Tikva said yesterday that Mizrahi would be allowed to leave for a European club, if one were to be interested in the player, but in the meantime, the Petah Tikvans have committed themselves to buy the player from Bnei Yehuda In other transfer news, Itzik Zohar

Amos Luzon, chairman of

is reportedly about to close a deal with Crystal Palace. The Hebrew press said yesterday that Palace had agreed terms with his former club, Antwerp, to buy Zohar for \$1 mil-

Rafi Cohen will not be playing for Bradford after the goalkeeper was disappointed with the club. Cohen returned home yesterday and is looking for a National League club, Bnei Yehuda are in the running to sign him.

There is still no decision on David Amsalem and Avi Nimni. The former is trying out with West Ham while the latter completed a stint with Nottingham Forest before rejoining Maccabi Tel Aviv's training camp in the Netherlands during the weekend.

#### Israel's lawn bowlers dominate on winners' podium Australia's women. The silver

By NORMAN SPIRO Israel's bowlers are hot among

the medals after the completion of

Jeff Rabkin with Yair Lieberthal

won the gold in the pairs, with

Australia's Rod Davis and Mike

Zusman the runners-up. Israel's

George Kamiosky and Boaz

The trips gold went to Israel's team of Cecil Bransky, Amir

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Marcus took the bronze.

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went to Israel's Molly Skudowitz, Helen Gordon, and Carmel Scop. The hronze, too, went to Israel (Maureen Hirschowitz, Merle Swerdlow, and Isobel Myers).

Great Britain won its first ever gold medal when their women's pairing of Gay Laurence and Edelweiss Somers came through unbeaten. The silver went to Israel's Rene Kusman and Shirley Kantor, with South Africa carningthe bronze (Avis Lampert and Merle Frank).

In the preliminary rounds of the Israel's George singles, Kaminsky did well to beat Jeff Rabkin 25-20. In the fours, Raymond Sher's team beat Cecil Bransky's side 26-19.

#### Golfers to the fore

Canada's Mark Segal tees off as the Maccabiah golf tournament got under way at the Caesarea Coutry Club yesterday. After the first round of play yesterday, Britain lead in both the men's and women's events. Following Britain in the rankings are, men: South Africa, USA, Canada, Israel, Australia, Argentina, Sweden. Women: Israel, USA, Canada, Sweden, South Africa. (Israel Sun)

# SA scrape into rugby final

#### By JOEL GORDIN

3,000 spectators at Herzliva South Africa, who have won every rughy gold medal since the

through two excellent tries hy Jamie Goldberg, both of which sport was were converted by Nick Proper.

with a last-minute penalty try to beat Britain 18-17 in front of comeback after the teams switched sides when Benson scored e try and then Yaron Siegel, who failed to convert, scored two

> penalties. Bot even when the South Africans had clawed their way back to that 14-11 scoreline, Proper increased Britain's lead to 17-11 with a penalty and England looked completely dominant. They won almost all the line outs played a well-organized and

But the killer blow for the Brits came in the last minute of the . game when the South Africans powered towards the British line and managed to gain the penalty try and a win by the slimmest of

In the earlier games yesterday, Argentina beat France 20-18 and Australia beat Canada 37-23. Australia meet Argentina in the fourth-place playoff today.

Australian cricketers beat

#### By Post Sports Staff

Israel's cricketers were left to rue their missed opportunities in yesterday's Maccabiah group match against Australia, as they went down

hy 80 runs to the visiting side. Two dropped catches in the early part of Australia's innings saw their openers put on a century opening stand before the Israelis managed to pick up their performances slightly to restrict the Australians to 275 for 7 in their alotted 45 overs.

Openers, T. Platus (67) and R. Dery (57) went about giving the Australians a solid start and it was always going to be tough for Israel keep up with the run rate.

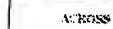
Promising young batsman M.

contributed with 45. Israel's Bentzi Kehimkar was the only bowler with decent figures, picking up two wickets for 33 in his

Israel got off to the worst possible start when opener Stanley Perlman was caught behind for nought off the was caught behind for hough of the third ball of the innings and then slow progress by the rest of the side saw the home team manage is notch only 195 with nobody managing to.

score a half-century. Isaac Massil hit 45, Yefet Nagaskar 33, captain Alan Moss chipped in with 30 and Steve Bakin made 22 on his debut made 22 on his debut. Israel appear certain to gain the bronze medal, as scheduling proplems will not allow for a third-place-

€\_ alotted nine overs.



The South Africans made a

Municipal stadium last night. The South Africans will meet the US in today's final after the Americans beat Israel 21-13 in yesterday's late game. Britain led 14-0 et half time

introduced into the Maccabiah in 1981, scraped through into today's final

#### New swimming records set

#### **By VIVA PRESS**

Five Maccabiah records fell on the first night of finals competition in the swimming event at Tel Aviv University yesterday, four of them captured by Israelis.

Israel's Yoav Bruck, who will competing at the European Championships in three weeks' time, carved out new records in the 100 meter freestyle, with a time of 51.30 seconds, and in the 200 meter backstroke (2:03.14.)

The crowd was on the edge of their seats, chanting Bruck's name when he swam to his second record of the night.

American Jeffrey Weiss drew a standing from the crowd when he smashed the 200 meter breastroke record with a time of 2:16:71.

Israel's Moran Somerfeld grahbed the fourth record of the

night with his 2:03.54 in the men's 200 meter butterfly. With the Superman theme tune playing in the background, the

most exciting race of the night was the men's 800-meter freestyle which made its dehut at the Games. First place went to Mickey Halika who set the base record for the event.

In the heats carlier yesterday, Israel's Ania Costomelsky set a new mark in the women's 100 meter freestyle with a time of 58.45 seconds.

Eitan Urbach established a new Games mark of 51.89 in the men's 100 meter freestyle but this was later surpassed by Bruck.

The competition continues this

Israel by 80 runs







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game for an unbeated record, earning a first ever gold for today at Ra'anana.

The singles and fours continue world rankings.

Weiss now holds 16th place in the pool.

evening at the Tel Aviv University Klinger added 55 and J. Moss also playou to be neid

USA, Canada sail into ice hockey final

#### By LIONEL GAFTEN

#### David Nemirovsky, currently with the NHL's Florida Panthers led the way with a four-goal effort; while: unheralded Mettes Sapfr had a hat trick. Two others, Rayan Donovan, and former NHLer Brian Wilks notched 2 goals, and singles went to Eliot Bond and Mikhail Nemirovsky.

For the Ukrainians, Vitaly Donika, Dmitro Gnitko and Ramil Yuldashev each scored. The USA and Canada look as if they will play in a nailbiter in today's final, while Israel and the Ukraine play off for the bronze.

Today's schedule

BadmintonBet Dani: 14:00 Doubles and Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals and Finals. Basketball (men)Kochav Ya'eer: 13:00 and 20:00 Quarter Finals. Givet Olga: 18:00 and 20:00 Quarter Finals. Basketball (women) Wingate: 18:00 Israel-... Bridge Januarie

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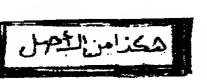
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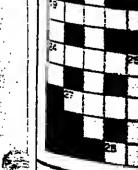
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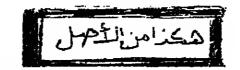
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#### WHAT'S ON

### CRITICS' CHOICE

#### ADINA HOFFMAN

FILM

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\*\*\*\* DONNIE BRASCO -Director Mike Newcll's film is based on the true story of an FB1 agent (Johnny Depp) who goes undercover and infiltrates a powerful crime family by forging a deep and difficult-to-sever bond with one of its needlest members (Al Pacino). It is among the saddest mafia movies ever made, both in terms of the tale it tells and as a rueful acknowledgment of its belated place in American cinema history. An Englishman whose resume consists mainly of cheerful entertainments like Four Weddings and a Funeral, Newell approaches the usual violent subject matter on his own terms (psychology takes precedence over action) and with an unflinching eye for the down-and-out, day-to-

day workings of an organized crime operation. He's a sensitive outsider, unimpressed by the bluster and flash of the mobsters per se, but genuinely interested in the fate of a few individuals caught in the bloody swirl. Both Pacino and Depp gives performances of tremendous longing and understatement, concentrating most of their feeling in the eyes. (English dialoguc, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

\*\*\* THAT OLD FEELING - In this enjoyably retrograde romantic comedy, Bette Midler and Dennis Farina play a divorced couple who claim to despise one another but who turn out still to be deeply in love. After 14 years of marriage to other, less compatible partners, they are reunited at their daughter's wedding and they can't keep their hands off each other: first they wrestle and then they embrace. Written (by Leslie Dixon) expressly for Midler, the movie gives its star ample opportunity to ham and stay in character, and though her performance is basically a long, belted one-note, it's quite winning. Director Carl Reiner's technique is deliberately old-fashioned, but it isn't stuffy. If anything, his skewed affection for the misbehaving characters harks back to the sophisticatedly amoral fables of Lubitscb and Mankiewicz, with a bit of '60s sit-com thrown in (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

\*\*\* LIAR LIAR - Jim Carrey comedy about a hot-shot shark of an attorney whose neglected son makes a birthday wish that his dad will be forced to tell the truth for one whole day. Lo and behold, the wish comes true and Carrey's character abstain from sex for the longest time.



'Seinfeld' fans can enjoy the comedian's bedside manner on the Family Channel at both 9:40 and 11 p.m.

> finds himself straight shooting acrobatically for an entire 24 hours. Directed in perfunctory fashion by Tom Shadyac, the film is a shamelessly high-concept affair, and one that would be pretty awful if it didn't star Carrey the human pin-ball machine (as it is, the filmmakers attempt from the very start to offset Carrey's profound weirdness with lots of cheerful music and isn't-it-adorable bits featuring his movie-son the blond moppet). When he tries to sham and realizes he can't, his entire body swings into frantic gear - the tongue springs out, eyes roll back, legs buckle and fingers wag as he strains to force even a tiny fib from his throat. The actor reaches new heights here of cartoonish elasticity. At times, he looks poised to turn his face inside out or swallow his own lips, and his physical trickery seems, as in the best of slapstick, to express the deepest workings of his character's unconscious. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

#### TELEVISION

#### ELANA CHIPMAN

Monday is a big night for Seinfeld fans. Catch a new episode on the Family Channel lonight at 9:40, with guest star Robert Wagner, where Jerry becomes suspicious of his dentist's motives for converting to Judaism, Kramer goes on a double date which leads to a wedding - to the wrong per-son - while Elaine accidentally bungles an attempt by a childless couple to adopt.

Later, at 11, is a rerun of the classic episode where all four friends bet each other they can



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|     | 16:00 Larry King<br>17:00 Family Challenge                          | 00:15 The Streets of<br>San Francisco                            |
|     | 17:45 Beakman's World<br>18:10 Perfect Strangers                    | 1:05 Barnaby Jones   |
| h   | 18:10 Perfect Strangers<br>18:35 Saved by the Bell<br>19:00 Showbiz | ■ MOVIE<br>CHANNEL (4)   |
|     | 19:30 World News<br>Tonight   | 11:30 The Devil's Bed  |
|     | 20:00 Cosby Show<br>20:25 Major Dad                                 | (1994) – a woman<br>becomes involved in a                        |
|     | 20:50 The Beast, part<br>1 (1988) - Soviets in                      | love triangle<br>13:30 Seeing Stars                              |
|     | Alghanistan war film.   | 13:30 Chacun Pour Toi<br>(French, 1993) (rpt)                    |
| g   | With George Dzundza<br>23:00 CNN<br>23:30 The 700 Ckub              | 15:10 New in the<br>Cinema                                       |
|     | 00:00 Quantum   | 15:20 Diamond  |
|     | Shopping  | Swords (1994) - true<br>story of a Nazi pilot                    |
|     | CABLE   | who fell in love with a<br>Jewish woman                          |
|     | ITV 3 (33)  | 17:00 Dennis the<br>Menace (1993) -                              |
|     | 16:00 Power Rangers   | adventures of a five-<br>year-old rascal and                     |
|     | 16:30 Panorama<br>17:00 Adventures and                              | his neighbor. With<br>Walter Matthau                             |
|     | Challenges<br>18:00 Sea of Thoughts                                 | 18:30 New in the   |
|     | 19:00 News in Arabic<br>19:30 Great British                         | Cinema<br>18:50 Halt a Million                                   |
|     | Classics  | Black (Hebrew, 1977)<br>- a pair of comedians                    |
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|     | Philip Marlowe search-  | 20:00 Wrestling<br>Ernest Hemingway                              |
|     | es for the long-lost<br>love of a gangster,                         | (1993) – two old men<br>living in Florida have                   |
| 1e  | With Robert Mitchum<br>23:00 The Duchess of                         | nothing in common<br>but their need for                          |
|     | Duke Street   | companionship. With  |
| 1   | ETV 2 (23)  | Robert Duvall<br>22:00 Young At Heart                            |
|     | 15:30 Jake and the Kid  | (1995) - three gener-<br>ations of an Italian-                   |
|     | 16:35 Hot Science (rpt)<br>17:10 A.J., Time                         | American family unite<br>around the figure of                    |
|     | Traveller (rpl)<br>18:00 Basic Arabic                               | Grandma Roz. With<br>Olympia Dukakis                             |
|     | 18:30 Family  | 23:35 Tracks of a  |
| Ar. | Connections<br>19:00 Female   | Killer (1995) (rpt)<br>1:15 Dirty Work                           |
|     | Perspective<br>19:30 Vis à Vis                                      | (1992) (rpt)   |
|     | 19:50 Hello Phina   | CHILDREN (6)   |
|     | 20:00 A New Evening<br>20:30 Zombit                                 | 6:30 Cartoons  |
|     | 21:00 The Onadin Line<br>21:50 Situation -                          | 9:40 Dennis the Menace<br>10:20 Billy the Cat                    |
|     | - a look at a still   | 11:00 Jumanji - cartoon<br>11:20 Rocko's                         |
|     | extant hippie commu-<br>nity in Australia                           | Modern Life<br>12:00 California Dreams                           |
|     | 22:50 I, Claudius (pl. 12)  | 12:20 Animaniacs   |
|     | FAMILY  | 13:00 Batman<br>13:30 Hugo                                       |
| 9   | CHANNEL (3)   | 14:10 Dennis the Menace<br>14:50 Billy the Cat                   |
| •   | 7:00 Good Evening   | 15:30 Jumanji<br>15:45 Rocko's                                   |
|     | with Guy Pines (rpt)<br>7:30 Love Story (rpt)                       | Modern Life  |
|     | 8:00 Dallas (rpt)<br>9:00 One Life to Live                          | 16:30 California Dreams<br>18:50 Animaniacs                      |
|     | 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)                               | 17:30 Chiquitas<br>18:30 Inspector Gadget                        |
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| 19:30 | News flash<br>Hebrew                  |                     | Sunset                            |                                   | Hugo                                   | Travelogue   |
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| 22:00 | Bugs                                  |                     | Ned and<br>Stacey                 | Young at<br>Heart                 | The<br>Householder                     |  |
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the day 6:30 Pinnacle Report EUROSPORT 7:30 Insight (rpl) 8:30 Global View 9:30 IndvCar 8:30 Global View 9:30 World Sport 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 Future Watch 13:30 American Edition 13:45 Q&A (rpt) 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 14:30 World Sport 11:00 Tour de France 16:15 Tennis 20:00 Motorcycling 21:00 Speedworld Magazine 22:00 Sumo 23:00 Tour de France 15:15 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 1:00 Snooker 18:00 Impact 17:30 World Sport (rpl) STAR SPORTS (unconfirmed) 18:30 Asia Today 19:30 Q&A with Riz 6:30 4x4 Off-Boad Khan 7:30 Golf: EPGA Tour 20:45 American Edition 21:00 World Business 8:30 Watersports World 9:00 ASP Watersports 10:00 Auto Today 21:30 World News 11:00 Equestrian 22:00 Impact 23:00 European News 12:00 Soccer 12:00 Soccer 14:00 Sports Unlimited 15:00 Trans World Sport 16:00 English Sunday League Cricket 21:00 Soccer. Thai Cup 23:00 Sports Unlimited 00:00 Trans World Sport 100 Metamonifes 23:30 Insight 00:00 World Busines Today 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World View 1:00 Motorcycling RADIO BBC WORLD VOICE OF MUSIC News on the hour 7:30 Correspondent 8:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 5:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Contemporary works: Gershwin; Tippett 12:00 Light Classical ~ excerpts from Man 10:30 Correspondent 11:30 Building Sites 12:30 Hard Talk (rpt) of La Mancha 13:00 Artist of the Week – Kim Kashkashian, Works by Giya Kancheli 14:00 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works – Beethoven's piano concertos 13:30 Top Gear 14:00 Newsdesk 15:30 Correspondent 16:15 World Business 16:30 Asia Pacific concertos. 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta - from 17:30 Airport (rpt) 18:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian 19:30 Tomorrow's Jerusalem, Michael Abramovich (piano), World (rpt) 20:00 The World today iszt: Mozart Menahem Tzur 21:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 22:30 Window on

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2 Sales-talk angle (5)

3 Newcomer, that is, supporting swindle (6) 4 Edith right to come out in a state of indecision? (6) 5 Twisted roots of trunk (5) 6 Knocking down lots of

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7 French composer receives share of formal discussions (13)

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10 Trick of doing something in

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Yesterday's Quick Solution

# Monday, July 21, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

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In an interview on Israel

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Explaining the difference

between the two probes, Peled

said: "A police inquiry takes

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killed. The police inquiry into

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appointed is more of a public

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Bridge report due Wednesday

Police are continuing their investigation into suspicions of criminal negligence following the collapse of the pedestrian bridge last Monday night, killing two members of the Australian team and injuring dozens.

Although their conclusions are clear that negligence was allegedly the cause of the bridge's collapse, they must now wait for the ministry commission's findings until recommendations for indictments can be presented.

Building contractors Barucb Karagula and Yehoshua Ben-Ezra, who were questioned last week, were summoned again yesterday, this time together with the company's computer programmer. Engineer Micha Bar-Ilan, the Maccabiah's security officer Mosbe Duvdevani

and three employees of the Irgunit company which organized the event were also questioned.

Police also examined whether the construction company's computer contains any details of the building of the bridge which could point out faulty construcnon or planning.

This morniog, attorney Yoram Halevi, representing Ben-Ezra and Karagula, is expected to present an independent expert's testimony stating that the bridge could not hold half the weight intended and planned for by engineer Bar-Ilan. For his part, Bar-Ilan continues to claim that he was only responsible for the bridge's construction and that the welding of all parts was the responsibility of Karagula and Ben-Ezra.

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in brief

#### Gov't plans child sexual exploitation law

The government has drafted new legislation to deal with the growing phenomenon of commercial sexual exploitation of children, deputy attorney-general Yehudit Karp said yesterday. She announced this as the public committee appointed to look into the subject presented her with its report.

In order to raise public awareness, four Knesset committees will convene in joint session today to discuss the subject, Karp said, noting that children as young as 12 years old recently had fallen victim to commercial sexual exploitation. Karp said that the proposed legislation would expand existing laws on prostitution to cover minors and would deal more stringently with pornography involving minors. Batsheva Tsur

#### Law committee to discuss compensation

The ministerial law committee is to discuss today a draft law arranging compensation for claims against the state following activities of the security forces in Judea and Samaria. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi presented the bill to the cabinet yesterday, and it approved his suggestion that the bill be brought before the Knessel before its summer recess.

The law would define an "act of war" as including operational activities aimed at preventing or combatting terror when there is a threat to human life. If passed, it will include retroactive claims. Claims will have to be lodged within a year of the inci-Batsheva Tsur dent, the draft says.

#### Azzam trial postponed by lawyer's heart attack

A Cairo court adjourned Azzam Azzam's spying trial yesterday after his defense lawyer suffered a minor beart attack. Farid el-Deeb was in a hospital and doctors would only let him leave after two days, his colleagues said. "My lawyer is sick and he will come ... I feel that I will be acquined because I am an innocent man," Azzam, an Israeli citizen who is accused of spying on Egypt, told reporters after the judge asked him whether be wanted to wail for Deeb to recover and resume his defense. The trial was adjourned to August 17. Reuters

#### 15 years for drug-peddling soccer star

Tel Aviv District Court yesterday sentence former soccer player Shmuel Rosenthal, 50, to 13 years in jail and another year on suspension for importing and selling cocaine.

His girlfriend Orly Zeituny, 27, was sentenced to a year in jail, and six months on suspension. Police intercepted 13 kg. of cocaine Rosenthal bad shipped from Mexico to Haifa.

Judge Oded Modrick noted in his ruling that Rosenthal had a glorious past as one of Israel's best soccer players and had no reason to turn to the criminal world of drugs, an offense which he said deserved "harsh punishment." Itim

#### Hadassah women back religious pluralism

Delegates to the Hadassah National Convention in Chicago have resoundingly rejected the religious status quo on religious pluralism in Israel. According to a Hadassah spokesman, 97 percent of 700 respondents rejected the notion of religious political parties retaining their power in the government and receiving special subsidies. Eighty percent insisted the government should give equal support to all the major streams of Judaism, while 20% feel Israel should have complete separation of church and state, like the US. The survey was the first research project conducted by the International Research Institute on Jewish Women located at Brandeis University, and funded by Hadassah. Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Japanese defense minister visits

looking for a finance minister, Sharon met with

Shimon Peres on Friday and reportedly began try-

ing to paste together a coalition that would roll-

After Netanyahu tabbed Ya'acov Ne'eman. not

Sharon, as his finance minister, pundits talked

about a "wounded" Sharon, more dangerous for

Netanyahu outside his inner circle than inside it.

On Friday, Sharon began proving their point. Earlier in the year Labor MK Moshe Shahal,

while a number of coalition MKs were boycotting

the plenum, was able to pass through preliminary

reading a bill that would change the election law

and enable the Knesset to bring down the prime

minister if, at the same time, it would specify

someone else in his place. This bill is now stuck in committee. A few weeks ago, a Labor initiative

was defeated that would change the system of

elections so that only the prime minister, and not

the Knesset, would fall in a no-confidence motion

backed by 61 MKs. But that initiative came before

the Sharon slight, and before the numbers of coali-

back parts of the 1992 electoral reform law.

Japan's Minister of Defense Fumio Kyuma, who arrived here from Syria, meets his Israeli counterpart Yitzhak Mordechai in Tel Aviv yesterday. Japan has become one of Syria's leading creditors and loaned Damascus some \$766 million this decade. Kyuma also met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday in Jerusalem. (Text: Arieh O'Sullivan; photo: Reuters)

#### IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON

# Sharon's revenge





By RAINE MARCUS

and ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Deputy Education and Sports

Minister Moshe Peled said yes-

terday that the commission be

appointed to look into the Maccabiah Games bridge

tragedy last week will release its

findings on Wednesday after-

noon at Beit Sokolov in Tel Aviv.

investigating the "chaio of responsibility" for the bridge collapse. Asked why the com-

mission's hearings are closed,

Peled said: "We are apparently -

and this we hear from the police

investigation - talking about criminal offenses, and if this is the case, then at the initial stage

of the investigation, it's better

that the discussions be closed,

without any outside influ-

Peled said the commission is

### cancel direct election

Barak: Change, don't

#### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor leader Ehud Barak is expected to meet with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon in a few days to discuss the initiative Sharon is spearheading to change the direct elections law.

Barak said yesterday he was in favor of changing the direct elections law, although he did not think it should be canceled completely. Barak said yesterday that he wants to change the law in such a way that a majority of 65 MKs could remove the prime minister from office, without entailing the automatic dissolution of the Knesset. Under the current law, the support of 80 MKs is required for such a move. At the same time, Barak said that

he objects to revoking the direct election law completely, estimating that once the public has the right to

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vote personally for prime minister, it would not let go of that privilege. Increasing voices from both Labor and the Likud bave been calling for lowering the number of MKs needed to topple the prime minister. The assumption is that MKs would be more willing 10 send the prime minister home if they didn't have to risk undergoing new elections themselves.

The cabinct lacks a proper procedure for making decisions, there is no consultation with ministers who can contribute and no system of checks and balances," Sharon said. "However, if the prime minister, never mind which one, knows the coalition partners can put him in a less comfortable position, I'm convinced he'd want to consult with them. In fact, he'd have to, and the government's status will be strengthened as a result of a better decision making system."

Less then two weeks after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu soubbed Ariel Sharon when tion MKs disgrantled with Netanyahu had grown so large.

Sharon, according to one parliamentary aide for a Labor MK who has been holding discreet discussions with Sharon about the matter, wants to bring this initiative to the floor again. His reasoning is unhappiness that the current system places so much power in the premier's hands that he does not even need to consult with cabinet ministers.

The idea behind the law for direct elections of the prime minister was to provide the country with more stability, and to make the prime minister less dependent on small parties. But, according to critics of the system, the opposite is true: the small parties have increased in power, while the prime minister has been freed from having to deal with his own party.

Likud activist Yossi Olmert is the director of a cross-party committee, headed by Moshe Arens, that has been established to abolish the direct election of the prime minister. "We want to get back to the old system," Olmert said. "We believe the new system made matters worse. It prevents the Knessel from monitoring the gov-

erument's performance." Asked if there is not a problem in changing the

system of government every few years, Olmert, quoted US historian Bernard Lewis: "The Jews are an enterprising people, they replace a bad sys-tem with a worse one."

But Likud Knesset faction head Meir Sheetrit said on Israel Radio that people have to start realizing that elections "are not a game. People have to know that when they vote for the prime minister, they are voting for the man who will be run-ning the country. They have to look at it in this manner, and take that seriously.

Daniel Elazar, head of the Jerusalem Institute for Public Affairs which worked for the new electoral system, said the "system of direct elections has brought stability to the government - a stability that, apparently, many people don't want."

Asked for his opinion on the new system, Elazar said: "It is too soon to form a judgment. Those who want to overturn it want to do so not so much on principle, but on the basis of ambitions. But you don't make constitutional changes on the basis of personal ambitions."

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#### Winning cards

The winning cards in yester-day's first Chance draw were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, nine of diamonds, and jack of clubs. The results of the second draw were the nine of spades, seven of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

#### Absorption center occupied

Ten apartments in a Jewish Agency absorption center in Lod due to be turned over to new immigrants arriving today. were occupied yesterday by I0 families, after they broke into the manager's office and threatened him.

The squatters were armed with knives and threatened absorption center workers.

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# NRP threatens walk out

#### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The National Religious Party is threatening not to attend a no-10:00 - 22:00 confidence vote today, and its leaders say they would go so far For toll free information on Israel experience, programs, studies,

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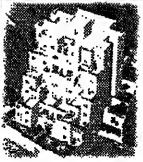
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as toppling the government, unless a crisis over the rabbinic court judges (dayanim) is NRP ministers Zevulun Hammer and Yitzhak Levy canceled a meeting with Likud fac-tion chairman Meir Sheetrit and of the law. Despite the NRP leaders' Shas ministers yesterday because threats, Likud leaders do not

they said Shas was not willing to compromise. The crisis erupted when four out of six dayanim appointed last week were picked out of Shas ranks, while only one is identified with the NRP. The six new judges were appointed to fill three vacant positions, after Shas demanded - and received - three extra positions. Now the NRP is also demandahead!

Netanyahu also reacted sharply to the NRP's threats over the ing three more positions, and Prime Minister Binyamin weekend, stating "if the NRP wants to topple the government, Netanyahu and Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman bave by all means let it do so." already agreed to this.

According to this arrangement, the number of dayanim will be By LIAT COLLINS Irebbled 10 accommodate Shas and the NRP. However, Shas objects to this plan. Another compromise proposal

consists of appointing 11 new dayanim, four of whom would be from the NRP, five from Shas and two from Degel Hatorah. Rabbinic court judges get the same wages as justices

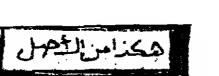
believe they would go as far as bringing down the government, noting that even if the NRP's ence in the building. nine MKs do not vote in support of the government today, there will still not be 61 MKs required topple the government. Sheetrit said he would not "work

under the NRP's ultimatum, and Elon was also top of the charts for if anyone wants to vote no-confi-Knesset attendance. dence in the government, go The bottom of the list for vote par-

ticipation also contained no shocks. MK. Nissan Slomiansky (National Religious Party), who entered the Knesset only at the end of May after the death of Avraham Stern, came in

last, having attended 23 votes. Above him in ascending order were Shas leader Arych Deri, who partici-MK Benny Elon (Moledet) led

> Apqui Wahab who spent part of the time on the primary election campaign trail fol-



MKs appear to have been voting with their feet, according to statistics

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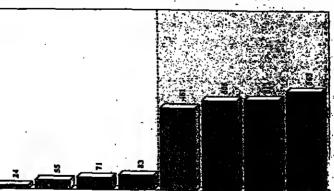
on the number of votes in which parliamentarians have participated in this Knesset. The figures show that even the most active parliamentarian took part in only a little over 50 percent of the votes held.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon released the data yesterday to encourage MKs to spend more time in the plenum. This is the first time records have been made of the number of votes in which MKs participated as opposed to just their pres-

the participation, voting in 563 (54.61%) of the 1.031 votes held between 1 September 1996 and 17 July 1997. This was no surprise as

pated in just 24 votes (2.33%); for-mer Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, 55 votes (5.33%); Migdai Ha'emek mayor and Likud MK Shaul Amor, 71 (6.89%); and Jerusalem mayor and Likud MK Ehud Olmert, 83 (8,05%).

Azmi Bashara (Hadash) and Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party), who both spent long periods in hospital, were also towards the bottom of the list. Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak,



MKs and the number of appearances they've made at

Knesset votes since September last year.

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> new head of the opposition, turned up for 99 of the 1,031 votes (9,60%). Histadrut head and Labor MK Amir Peretz was also low on the list with 133 votes (12.9%). Ministers and deputy ministers were not included. Speaker Tichon (no participation details given) details given), noted that the figures showed a poor tinnout for votes and indicate that even MKs who are present most Knesset workdays are not active in the plenum. Tichon said yesterday he would initiate legislation to lower MKs' wages by 33% if bills pass enabling

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lowed by several trips abroad as the